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# REVIEW

OF

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 1952 to 1957 and include the information which has already been given in the Resumes published by this Secretariat.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Vidhan Sabha as it does within the compass of a single volume would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH :
22nd April, 1957

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary.

## THE ASSEMBLY : ITS COMPOSITION AND ITS SESSIONS

The Punjab Legislative Assembly before the reorganisation of the State consisted of 126 Members elected by 105 constituencies, 84 single Member and 21 double Member. Fourteen bye-elections were held during this period to fill seats which were rendered vacant for one reason or another.

Dr. Satyapal, a Member of the Assembly, was appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the Speaker on April 29, 1952. He was elected Speaker on 5th May, 1952 and he died on April 18, 1954. Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon who was the Deputy Speaker during this period, performed the duties of the Speaker from April 19, 1954 to May 17, 1954 and he was elected Speaker on May 18, 1954. In his place Chaudhri Sarup Singh was elected Deputy Speaker. They were again elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, on November 6, 1956 when the Legislative Assembly of the reorganised State of Punjab met for the first time. Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon had, however, been appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the Speaker on November 6, 1956.

The strength of the Legislative Assembly after the reorganisation of the State of Punjab was : 126 of the erstwhile State of Punjab and 60 of the erstwhile State of Pepsu representing 49 constituencies, 38 single Member and 11 double Member, that is 186 in all. Out of this number as on 1st November, 1956, one seat was vacant in the erstwhile Punjab Legislative Assembly and two in the erstwhile Pepsu Legislative Assembly. These seats remained unfilled.

In the erstwhile Punjab Legislative Assembly the membership was spread over the following political parties —

Congress

Panthic

Communist

Gandhi Janta Congress Party

Zamindara League

Socialist

out of which the Congress Party formed the Government and the Panthic Party was recognised on 7th May, 1952 as the Opposition Party with one of its Members as the Leader of the Opposition. The strength of this party declined and the recognition given to it as an Opposition Party was withdrawn on March 4, 1955 and thereafter it constituted one of the Opposition groups. In February, 1954 another Opposition group belonging to the Gandhi Janta Congress Party came into existence.

Shri Bhim Sen Sachar was the Leader of the Assembly from its commencement till January 23, 1956, when Sardar Partap Singh Kairon became the Leader and remained so even after the reorganisation of the State.

The Members of the erstwhile Punjab Legislative Assembly took the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution on 3rd May, 1952 ; and these Members along with the Members of the erstwhile Pepsu Legislative Assembly again, after the reorganised Legislative Assembly came into being on November 1, 1956, took the oath on November 6, 1956.

The Legislative Assembly of the erstwhile State of Punjab was summoned after the General Elections to meet for the first time on May 3, 1952 at Simla, which was at the time the headquarters of the Assembly and of the Government.

The second Session of 1953 was summoned to meet at Chandigarh where the Assembly and the State Government have had their headquarters since September, 1953.

After the reorganisation , two sessions were held . In all the Assembly held 206 sittings in 15 Sessions as follows :—

| Year | 1st Session | Second Session | Third Session | Fourth Session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | 4 | 30 | 18 | .. | 52 |
| 1953 .. | 29 | 11 | .. | .. | 40 |
| 1954 .. | 21 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 34 |
| 1955 .. | 23 | 8 | .. | .. | 31 |
| 1956 .. | 31 | 13 | .. | .. | 44 |
| 1956 (after reorganisation) | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 1957 .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Total | | | | .. | 206 |

## LEGISLATION

The Assembly has passed 221 Bills, 203 originating in the Assembly itself and 18 originating in the Punjab Legislative Council. Among those originating in the Assembly, there were three non-official Bills (Appendix 1). In 1952, thirty-five, in 1953 fifty-seven, in 1954 forty-one, in 1955 thirty-two, in 1956 fifty and in 1957 (up to 21st March) six Bills were passed. Out of these 65 were new Bills, 138 amending Bills and 18 Appropriation Bills.

The new Bills and the Amending Bills dealt with constitutional, agrarian, social, administrative, legal, health and economic subjects and the Appropriation Bills with the appropriation of moneys voted by the Assembly whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries or by way of regularisation of excesses over grants, or in relation to vote-on-account.

The total number of amendments which were received in respect of these Bills, other than Appropriation Bills, was approximately 1292. Out of these 507 amendments were tabled by the Opposition and 785 by Members of the Party in power.

The titles of the Bills passed with a brief synopsis of each may be seen in Appendix II. Similar details regarding the Bills which originated in the Punjab Legislative Council are given in Appendix III.

## QUESTIONS

The total number of questions orally answered was 4,783 out of 7,210 admitted, the total number of notices received being 9,778. The number of supplementary questions asked in respect of the answers to 4,783 questions was 6,263.

Previously the rule was that the questions printed on the list of questions for a particular day which could not be answered on that day would be carried over to the next available day. The result of this often was that a large number of questions would accumulate on the last day of a Session, and these could not be replied to. The notices of these used to lapse on prorogation. This rule was modified by the Speaker on October 7, 1955 with the result that questions printed in the list for a particular day which cannot be orally answered are deemed to have been answered by the Minister by his laying on the Table of the House the relevant answers. In other words, such questions partake of the nature of unstarred questions.

The Speaker, however, in deference to the wishes of the Members often directed the carrying over of the unanswered questions to the next available day.

The number of questions deemed to have been answered under the operation of the Rule, referred to above, was 1226.

The total number of notices of unstarred questions received was 1,275 out of which 879 were admitted and 760 answered.

The year-wise distribution of questions is as follows—

| Year | No. of Starred questions given notice of | No. of Starred questions admitted | No. of Starred questions answered | No. of Supplementary questions | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered | No. of notices of Unstarred questions | No. of Unstarred questions admitted | No. of Unstarred questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | 2,128 | 1,533 | 1,137 | 1,119 | .. | 486 | 291 | 244 |
| 1953 .. | 1,320 | 900 | 798 | 641 | .. | 223 | 193 | 193 |
| 1954 .. | 2,435 | 1,821 | 1,181 | 1,067 | 176 | 179 | 126 | 104 |
| 1955 .. | 2,263 | 1,766 | 712 | 1,634 | 957 | 169 | 115 | 105 |
| 1956 .. | 1,586 | 1,150 | 945 | 1,776 | 93 | 169 | 121 | 109 |
| 1957 .. | 46 | 40 | 10 | 26 | .. | 49 | 33 | 5 |
| Total .. | 9,778 | 7,210 | 4,783 | 6,263 | 1,226 | 1,275 | 879 | 760 |

# RESOLUTIONS

## I. NON-OFFICIAL

Resolutions (non-official) on matters of general public interest were discussed on 15 days during the 13 Sessions of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha before merger of the States of Punjab and Pepsu and 2 Sessions thereafter as follows:—

| Year | First Session | Second Session | Third Session | Fourth Session |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | .. | 5 | 3 | .. |
| 1953 .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. |
| 1954 .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. |
| 1955 .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1956 .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| 1956 (After reorganisation) .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1957 .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

The total number of notices of non-official resolutions received was 237 in 1952, 299 in 1953, 276 in 1954, 628 in 1955, 384 in 1956 and 32 in 1957, that is, 1856 in all. The number of notices admitted was respectively, 188, 278, 263, 580, 375 and 32, altogether 1716 and the number discussed was 8, 3, 5, 3 and 4. The Session-wise distribution was as follows:—

| Year | Sessions | No. of notices of Resolutions received | No. of notices of Resolutions admitted | No. of Resolutions discussed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1952 .. | 1st Session | 9 | 8 | .. |
| | 2nd Session | 126 | 99 | 5 |
| | 3rd Session | 102 | 81 | 3 |
| 1953 .. | 1st Session | 181 | 164 | 1 |
| | 2nd Session | 118 | 114 | 2 |
| 1954 .. | 1st Session | 113 | 106 | 1 |
| | 2nd Session | 67 | 67 | 2 |
| | 3rd Session | 96 | 90 | 2 |
| | 4th Session | .. | .. | .. |
| 1955 | 1st Session | 253 | 229 | 3 |
| | 2nd Session | 375 | 351 | .. |
| 1956 | 1st Session | 238 | 236 | 2 |
| | 2nd Session | 146 | 139 | 2 |
| 1956 | 1st Session (After reorganisation) | .. | .. | .. |
| 1957 .. | 1st Session | 32 | 32 | .. |

These resolutions covered a wide variety of subjects. Four of these resolutions were carried, 6 were withdrawn and 7 were lost. The titles of the Resolutions with a brief substance of each, the date of its discussion and its fate may be seen in Appendix IV.

II OFFICIAL

Besides these non-official resolutions, seven official resolutions were discussed. These were all carried. The subject matter of each such resolution and the date of its discussion may be seen in Appendix V.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Attempts were made, every now and again, as shown below, to adjourn the business of the House to discuss matters of alleged urgency and public importance by means of adjournment motions, 133 notices of which were received as shown below:—

| Year | First Session | Second Session | Third Session | Fourth Session |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | 1 | 11 | 11 | .. |
| 1953 .. | 5 | 1 | .. | .. |
| 1954 .. | 14 | 40 | 7 | 5 |
| 1955 .. | 10 | 18 | .. | .. |
| 1956 .. | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |

Out of these 133, only the following 3 were held in order by the Speaker:—

| Serial No. | Subject matter | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Regarding the arrest of Master Tara Singh. .. | 25th February, 1953. |
| 2 | Regarding alleged repression by the Police on the workers and Trade Unionists in connection with the 'lock out' of workers of the Niemla Textile Mills, Amritsar. .. | 18th April, 1955. |
| 3 | Regarding alleged failure of the Government to provide effective drainage system in the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur resulting in loss of crops and damage to property. .. | 20th August, 1956. |

The Assembly, however, did not grant the necessary leave to move these Adjournment Motions. The other 130 were held out of order.

## HALF HOUR DISCUSSION

On 2nd April, 1954 an half-hour discussion was held on the reply to Starred Question No. 3349 regarding the payment of compensation to displaced persons in the State.

## DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Discussions on special subjects took place as shown below:

| *Subject* | *Date* |
|---|---|
| Regarding the repeal of the orders of the Governor relating to the addition to Schedules B and C referred to in regulations 5 and 6 respectively of the Punjab and North West Frontier Province Joint Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, namely "50 per cent of the posts of Block Development Officers under the National Extension Service Scheme." | 18th April, 1955.<br>19th April, 1955. |
| Situation created by heavy rains and floods .. | 14th October, 1955. |
| States Reorganisation Commission's Report .. | 24th November, 1955.<br>25th November, 1955.<br>26th November, 1955. |
| Draft States Reorganisation Bill .. | 22nd March, 1956.<br>23rd March, 1956. |
| Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan .. | 2nd April, 1956.<br>3rd April, 1956.<br>4th April, 1956. |
| Regarding repeal of order of the Governor relating to the additions to Schedule 'A' referred to in regulation (3) (b) of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, namely:— ..<br>"12. Supervisors in the Public Relations Department, Punjab ;<br>13. Consolidation Officers in the Consolidation of Holdings Department, Punjab, appointed up to the 31st March, 1956, and thereafter ;<br>14. Chief Instructor and two Assistant Instructresses for the Home Economics Department, Punjab". | 4th September, 1956. |

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets—the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of the State in respect of each financial year—were presented and passed for various amounts as stated below:—

| *Year* | | *Amount* |
|---|---|---|
| | | Rs |
| 1952 | .. | 57,05,33,290 |
| 1953 | .. | 83,91,83,900 |
| 1954 | .. | 81,74,16,600 |
| 1955 | | 97,21,82,380 |
| 1956 | .. | 94,00,98,210 |

Two Supplementary Estimates in respect of Excess Demands, one in 1954 for Rs 21,92,826 and one in 1956 for Rs 3,83,46,063, were also voted on 11th November, 1954 and 27th August, 1956 respectively. Nine Supplementary Estimates, two each for the years 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and one for 1956-57 were presented and voted for various amounts as below:—

| Year | Amount | Date on which voted |
|---|---|---|
| | Rs | |
| 1952-53 .. | 83,94,400 | 20th November, 1952. |
| | 3,77,68,920 | 5th March, 1953. |
| 1953-54 .. | 5,37,38,300 | 5th October, 1953. |
| | 3,96,47,640 | 12th March, 1954. |
| 1954-55 .. | 91,45,010 | 5th November, 1954. |
| | 4,34,69,930 | 5th March, 1955. |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,64,82,890 | 15th October, 1955. |
| | 5,39,77,510 | 7th March, 1956. |
| 1956-57 | 27,50,070 | 27th August, 1956. |

In 1952 a second demand for vote-on-account was granted on 16th June, 1952 for Rs 4,37,25,830 before the Budget for 1952-53 could be voted and in 1957 Demands for Grants 'on account' for April to June, 1957 were granted on 20th March, 1957 for Rs 21,29,58,000 before the Budget for 1957-58 could be voted.

General discussions were held on each budget and specific demands for grants were taken up for discussion on each occasion as shown below :—

| Year | Days allotted for General discussion of Budget | Demands | Days allotted for discussion of demands |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1952 .. | 3 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Education .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Agriculture .. | 2 |
| | | (4) Miscellaneous .. | 2 |
| 1953 .. | 2 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Irrigation .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Community Development Projects | 1 |
| | | (4) (i) Police .. (ii) Education .. (iii) Medical and Public Health .. (iv) Agriculture .. (v) Veterinary; and .. (vi) Industries .. | 1 |
| 1954 .. | 2 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Irrigation .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Industries .. | 1 |
| | | (4) Miscellaneous .. | 1 |
| 1955 .. | 3 | (1) Irrigation .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (3) Industries .. | 1 |
| | | (4) General Administration .. | 2 |
| 1956 .. | 4 | (1) General Administration .. (2) Police .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Capital Outlay on Multipurpose River Schemes—Bhakra-Nangal Project (4) Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Multipurpose River Schemes. | 1 |
| | | (5) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (6) Miscellaneous Departments (Labour only) (7) Industries .. (8) Capital Outlay on Industrial Development (outside the Revenue Account) | 2 |

Eighteen Appropriation Bills, one in respect of each estimate, were passed by the Assembly.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESSES

The Governor has addressed Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Punjab Legislative Council assembled together six times beginning with the first Session of the Legislature in May, 1952. Each of these addresses was discussed on a motion of thanks to which amendments were also proposed. In 1952, two days were allotted for discussion of matters contained in the Address, and 8 amendments were moved to the motion of thanks, in 1953 two days were allotted for discussion and 6 amendments were moved, in 1954 two days were allotted for discussion and 17 amendments were moved, in 1955 two days were allotted for discussion and 23 amendments were moved, in 1956 three days were allotted for discussion and 25 amendments were moved and in March, 1957, one day was allotted for discussion and four amendments were moved. The amendments were on each occasion either withdrawn or lost and the motion of thanks was on every occasion carried.

## COMMITTEES

In 1952 when the Assembly was constituted there was provision in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business forthe following Committees :

Public Accounts Committee.

Committee on Estimates.

House Committee.

Committee on Petitions.

Select Committees.

Joint Select Committees.

From time to time, subsequently, the following additional Committees were provided for by amendments of the Rules ;

Committee of Privileges from June, 1952.

Library Committee from November, 1952.

Rules Committee from 1954.

Committee on Government Assurances from 1954.

Business Advisory Committee from 1955.

Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1956.

Except the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Estimates which are elected by the Members of the Assembly from amongst themselves according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote all the other Committees are nominated by the Speaker. The Chairmen of all the Committees, whether elected or nominated, are appointed by the Speaker. When, however, the Deputy Speaker is a Member of any Committee, he is appointed the Chairman.

In 1955 the Assembly by a motion requested the Punjab Legislative Council to agree to associate three of its Members with the Public Accounts Committee. The Council having agreed, three Members of the Council have been associated with the Public Accounts Committee for 1955-56 and 1956-57.

The principle of elections to the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee was suspended for the formation of these Committees for the balance of the year 1956-57 subsequent to the re-organisation of the State. These Committees of the erstwhile Legislative Assemblies had ceased to exist ; nominations to the new Committees were made by the Speaker. The Members nominated were the Members of the former corresponding Punjab Committees with the addition of three Members from amongst the Membership of the former corresponding Pepsu Committees.

The membership of these as well as other Committees was increased subsequent to the merger of Punjab and Pepsu as shown below—

| Name of the Committee | STRENGTH | |
|---|---|---|
| | Before 1st November, 1956 | After 1st November, 1956 |
| Public Accounts Committee .. | 9 M.L.As. ..<br>3 M.L.Cs. .. | 12 M.L.As.<br>3 M.L.Cs. |
| Committee on Estimates .. | 9 .. | 12 |
| Rules Committee .. | 8 .. | .. |
| Committee on Government Assurances | 9 .. | 12 |
| Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 8 .. | 12 |
| Business Advisory Committee .. | Speaker : *Exofficio* Chairman, and not more than 5 Members. | |
| Committee of Privileges .. | 10 .. | 13 |
| Library Committee .. | 6 .. | 7 |
| Petitions Committee .. | Deputy Speaker Chairman, with 4 other Members. | Deputy Speaker Chairman, with 5 other Members. |

The Rules Committee ceased to exist with effect from 1st November, 1956. the strength of the Select Committees constituted during this period depended upon the motions in consequence of which they were created, while the strength of the Joint Select Committees has been prescribed by Rule 153 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assembly.

The total number of meetings held by these different Committees, year-wise, up to the end of December, 1956 along with the number of reports presented by each is as stated below :—

| Year | Public Accounts Committee | Estimates Committee | *Committee on Government Assurances | †Rules Committee | Joint Select Committee | Select Committee | ‡Business Advisory Committee | Library Committee | §House Committee | Committee on Petitions | Committee of Privileges | ‖Committee on Subordinate Legislation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952-53 .. | 22 | 14 | .. | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 3 | .. |
| 1953-54 .. | 30 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 8 | 7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1954-55 .. | 15 | 20 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | .. | 2 | 5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1955-56 .. | 19 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | 3 | 4 | 7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1956, April, onward. | 7 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 |
| Number or Reports presented (1952—56) | 4 | @013 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |

*Constituted in 1954.
†Constituted in 1954 and ceased to exist from the 1st November, 1956.
‡Constituted in 1955.
§Constituted in 1953.
‖Constituted in 1956.

*N.B.*—The number of meetings of the Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Estimates includes the number of meetings of Sub-Committees.

@The number includes 9 Reports on the Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment and 2nd Instalment) for the year 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 (on first instalment only).

The Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee are, by the law of their creation, financial Committees and, in their reports, make recommendations to the Assembly which it is normally expected shall be implemented by Government. Arrangements have, therefore, been worked out by which the Committees are kept informed periodically about the action that is taken on their recommendations/observations. These arrangements are set out in letters addressed by Government to their departments, and are reproduced as Appendices VI and VII.

Regarding the Committees on Government Assurances and Subordinate Legislation corresponding arrangements have not yet been made.

A brief account of the activities of these Committees is as follows :—

## THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Public Accounts Committee during 1952-53 scrutinized the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for 1948-49 and 1949-50 and the Audit Reports thereon and presented its first report to the Assembly on 15th April, 1953.

During the course of its scrutiny it visited the Bhakra-Nangal Project and the Livestock Farm at Hissar. In 1953-54, it scrutinised the Appropriation Accounts for 1950-51 and the Audit Report for 1952 and presented its second report to the Assembly on 31st March, 1954, having visited the Bhakra-Nangal Project to see for themselves the progress made since their previous visit and the Central Workshop at Amritsar. During 1954-55, the Committee concerned itself mainly with two items, one relating to the printing of electoral rolls, and the other relating to the Bhakra-Nangal Project and Grant No. 9—Irrigation, which had been left over by its predecessor Committee. It also framed a questionnaire on the Appropriation Accounts of the State Government for 1951-52 and the Audit Report thereon for 1953. It presented its third Report to the Assembly on 5th November, 1954. In 1955-56 the Committee concerned itself mainly with the scrutiny of the Appropriation Accounts for 1951-52, the questionnaire regarding which had already been framed during the year preceding. Having done so it presented its Fourth Report to the Assembly on 29th March, 1956. It also framed a questionnaire on the Appropriation Accounts for 1952-53 and the Audit Report thereon for 1954. The Committee during this year also visited the Bhakra-Nangal Project. In 1956-57 the Committee framed a further questionnaire on the remaining portions of the Appropriation Accounts for 1952-53, scrutinized the replies of some departments but have not been able to complete their work.

## THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

The Committee during 1952-53 examined the Budget Estimates of that year relating to the following departments :—

General Administration, P.W.D. (Irrigation), P.W.D. (Building and Roads), Grow-More-Food, Excise and Taxation, Home Defence and Police.

In 1953-54, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1953-54 of the following departments:—

Education, Transport, Jails, P.W.D. (Electricity Branch), P.W.D. (Irrigation), Bhakra-Nangal Project, Agricultural and Dairy Farms, Health, Central Workshop at Amritsar and Community Projects (with special reference to Nilokheri, Batala and Faridabad Centres).

It also visited the site of the Bhakra Dam, the Ganguwal Power House, the Central Workshop and the Faridabad Community Project.

In 1954-55, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1954-55 of the following departments :—

General Administration, Prisons (Headquarters), Co-operative, Industries Stores Purchase, Printing and Stationery, Community Projects, Forest and Transport.

In 1955-56, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1955-56 of the following departments :—

General Administration, Community Projects, Capital Project Administration, P.W.D. (Electricity Branch), Jails, Police, Industries and Bhakra-Nangal Project and visited the site of the Bhakra Project, the Nawanshahr Community Project and the Ferozepore Central Jail.

In 1956-57, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1956-57 of the following departments :—

General Administration, Capital Project, Transport, and Industries.

It also made an on-the-spot study of the working of the Punjab Civil Secretariat at Simla.

Besides the above, the Committees for the different years examined the Supplementary Estimates for the years 1952-53. Ist and 2nd instalments, 1953-54, 1st and 2nd instalments, 1954-55, 1st and 2nd instalments, 1955-56 1st and 2nd instalments and 1956-57, 1st instalment.

It has presented its Reports to the Assembly each year from 1953 embodying its conclusions on the estimates scrutinized by it, and, in addition, reports on each of the Supplementary Estimates examined by it. In all, therefore, it has presented four reports on the Budget Estimates of various departments and nine reports on the yearly instalments of the Supplementary Estimates presented to the Assembly.

It may be added that the Committee has not been able to complete its work during 1956-57. During this year, however, the Committee appointed two Sub-Committees, one for the revision of its Rules of Procedure, called the Drafting Sub-Committee and the other to examine how far its recommendations had been implemented by Government, called the Implementation Sub-Committee. The Drafting Sub-Committee has held one sitting and has examined a number of the working rules of the Estimates Committee. Its report is not yet finalized. The Implementation Sub-Committee has not yet held any meeting.

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

Almost the first thing that the Committee did was to determine which kinds of statements made by Ministers in the Assembly were to be treated as assurances, promises, undertakings, etc. That having been done, inquiries were addressed to Government regarding the extent to which assurances etc. given in the Sessions beginning with that held in March-April, 1954 had been implemented, and their replies were scrutinized to see whether there had been adequate implementation or not and whether the implementation was expeditious or inordinately delayed.

The Committee presented its first report to the Assembly in March, 1956.

The statements of assurances etc., relating to March-April, May and November, 1954, March-April and October, 1955 and March-April, 1956, Sessions have been forwarded to Government and the Government's replies relating to 248 assurances out of a total number of 308 have so far been received.

## RULES COMMITTEE

It was generally felt by the Members that some of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assembly were a little wooden and some others outmoded. In response to the general wish of the Members the Rules Committee with the hon. Speaker as its Chairman was constituted in 1955. It carefully examined the Rules in force, compared them with the Rules in force elsewhere and suggested a number of changes in its Report which was presented to the Assembly on 3rd October, 1955.

The Report remained laid before the Assembly for three days as required by Rules. No amendments were, however, proposed to the Report. Thereafter, under orders of the Speaker the amended Rules came into force with effect from 7th October, 1955.

The Committee also presented a Second Report to the Assembly on 11th April, 1956 in which it recommended the formation of a Committee on Subordinate Legislation and accordingly an addition for the purpose in the Rules. This recommendation having been approved, a Rule in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business was added and the Committee came into existence.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee during 1953-54 was entrusted by the Speaker to examine the question relating to the shifting of the venue of the Assembly from Simla to Chandigarh and report to him. Accordingly, the Committee held meetings at Simla and at Chandigarh and presented its report to the Speaker. During the subsequent years the Committee has considered the arrangements for the stay of Members in Chandigarh and made recommendations generally in connection with their comfort and convenience, as also the allotment of accommodation to them during the days of the Sessions.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee has made recommendations for the purchase of books and periodicals for the Members' Library. As a result of its recommendations, 520 books in English, Hindi and Punjabi, worth Rs 9,170, have been added to the Library and the following 12 periodicals are being subscribed to :—

(1) Reader's Digest.

(2) Social Welfare.

(3) Civic Affairs.

(4) Indian Review.

(5) Modern Review.

(6) Eastern World.

(7) Asian Recorder.

(8) Kurukshetra.

(9) Bharat Sevak in English and Hindi.

(10) Samaj.

(11). Kavita.

(12) Punjabi Duniya.

## BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Business Advisory Committee during 1955-56 made recommendations regarding the allocation of time of the Assembly to the discussion and passing of Financial (Supplementary Estimates) and Legislative business pending before it which were approved. Again in 1956-57, its recommendation regarding the discussion and passing of Financial (Excess Demands and Supplementary Estimates) business was approved.

## COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

During 1952-53, the Committee of Privileges examined the question as to:

"how to prevent demonstrations raising shouts and slogans derogatory to Members of the House, in and near the precincts of the Assembly when the Assembly is in Session?"

(This point arose when some persons raised shouts and slogans on 16th June, 1952).

It presented its Report to the Assembly on 14th July, 1952, which was adopted.

In 1956, the Speaker, under Rule 285 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, referred a letter, received by him from a Member, to the Committee for investigation and report as to whether it involved a reflection on the Speaker in the discharge of his functions etc., etc.

The Committee held a number of sittings in this connection but has not yet finalised its report.

## COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Committee on Subordinate Legislation which was constituted on 31ts August, 1956, has so far held only one meeting in which the question whether the Committee is competent to scrutinize even those rules framed by Government which are not required to be laid before the Assembly was examined and answered in the affirmative. It was accordingly decided that the Committee would scrutinize all the statutory rules framed since 1952.

## SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees were constituted on the following Bills pending before the Assembly :

1. The Punjab Prevention of Hindu Bigamous Marriages Bill, 1952.
2. The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Bill, 1952.
3. The Punjab Restraint on Dowry and other expenses on Marriages Bill, 1952.
4. The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
5. The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

These Committees presented their reports on 1st October, 1953, 2nd December, 1952, 1st October, 1953 and 12th October, 1953, in respect of the first four Bills mentioned above. In regard to the last, a preliminary report was first presented on 2nd April, 1954 and the final report on 2nd November, 1954.

## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

The following Bills which originated in the Assembly were, with the concurrence of the Legislative Council, referred to Joint Select Committees of the two Houses:—

1. The Punjab Gram Panchayat Bill, 1952.
2. The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Bill, 1952.
3. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Bill, 1952.
4. The Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953.
5. The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954.
6. The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954.

The reports of these Committees were presented to the Assembly on 21st November, 1952, 3rd December, 1952 and 24th February, 1953, in respect of the first three Bills. The First Preliminary Report, Second Preliminary Report and Third Preliminary Report in respect of the fourth were presented on 3rd October, 1955, 28th March, 1956 and 21st August, 1956, respectively. The report in respect of the fifth was presented on 1st November, 1954. The Preliminary Report and the Special Report in respect of the sixth were presented on 8th December, 1954 and 14th March, 1955, respectively.

The Assembly concurred in the motions for reference of the following Bill originating in the Legislative Council to Joint Select Committee :

The Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1953.

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## IMPORTANT RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

**Regarding a speech made by the Speaker (Dr. Satya Pal) at a Tea Party.**

A notice of an adjournment motion was given by some Communist Members alleging that the Speaker had made certain remarks about the Communist Party at a social function. The Speaker while refusing to give his consent made the following observations :

"Now the position is that if you think that I made that speech in the capacity of Speaker, then I would like to read out a rule to you which clearly indicates that it almost amounts to an offence to cast any reflection on the Speaker. If you think that I made that speech as a private gentleman then you have no business to bring it here in this House. I may tell the House that reflection upon the character or action of the Speaker may be punished as a breach of

privilege. Not only this, Speaker's action cannot be criticised incidentally in debate or in any form of procedure except by a substantive motion. Therefore, honestly speaking, this adjournment motion is an infringement of my privileges and instead of their censuring me I can confidently censure the sponsors of this motion because, they are guilty of insinuating or describing my action as unfair or illegal. The only redress for their complaint lies in bringing forward a substantive motion. If that is done, I would heartily welcome this move (Cheers).

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My hon. Friends can bring a substantive motion against me and give expression to their views. If I fail to convince the House and the House is of the opinion that because the man presiding over its deliberations must change his views and life-long convictions, then I should like to point out that I will go out like the proverbial ' marwari ' who goes with a lota and a piece of string to Bombay or Calcutta to earn a living. They should not think that I have given up my small house, and if any price is to be paid for my convictions I am prepared to pay it " (Cheers).

(Debate, dated 16th June, 1952)

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**Regarding misreporting of proceedings in a Newspaper**

It had come to the notice of the Speaker that some newspaper was publishing distorted reports of proceedings in the Assembly and had gone even to the extent of describing the House as a "fish market". The Speaker observed :—

"I have to make a reference to a very unpleasant affair. It has come to my notice that certain newspapers, and particularly one of them, published in this State, are persistently indulging in writings which are calculated to cast reflections upon the dignity of this House, the dignity of the Chair and bring a bad name to all of us. When I came to know some time back that it had gone to the length of describing this House as a 'fish market', I had in a letter addressed to the representatives of the press made a personal request to them that whatever the policy of their newspapers, they should not distort or misrepresent facts relating to the proceedings of this House. Now I find that a certain newspaper has given a garbled version of what I had stated in my letter under reference and even fun has been made of my statement. I am always here to keep the House in order. How can such things happen when I am there to conduct its proceedings.

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I have always held my journalist brethren in great regard and respect because I consider them to be a very valuable asset of our society. I am aware that the attitude of some newspapers is unfriendly towards us but we are not going to make a mercy appeal to them. Let them criticise us as they please but if they distort facts and attribute to this House things which have never happened, then, of course, they are a disgrace to the profession of journalism.

So I have to make this respectful submission to the representatives of the Press that while considering themselves free to criticise any person, party or policy, they should make it a point never to deviate from truthfulness in so far as the reporting of the proceedings of this House is concerned. If any newspaper will even after this respectful request continue to indulge in misrepresentation of facts relating to this House, I shall, much against my will, be compelled to set in motion the legal procedure against it and take steps which no journalist would like me to take."

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(Debate dated 1st July, 1952)

**Regarding publication in the Press of Resolutions, Bills, etc., before they are admitted**

Some newspapers had published in extenso a Bill the notice for moving which had been given by a Member even before it had been admitted by the Speaker :—

"I want to draw the pointed attention of the House to a matter of vital importance that no question, resolution or bill of which notice has been given by a Member should be given out for publication in the Press or otherwise until it has been admitted. Shri Kesho Dass, who has given notice of a Bill, has got printed copies of the same and he has circulated them. Perhaps he has done this due to ignorance of rules and regulations. It is highly objectionable and I would ask the hon. Members to remain careful in such matters in future."

(Debate dated 3rd July, 1952)

**Regarding Report of the Privileges Committee about demonstration held on 14th June, 1952.**

On 14th June, 1952, a short while before the commencement of the sitting of the Assembly a number of persons standing on the roadside below the Assembly Chamber were shouting slogans of a political character. The Speaker made a reference to the matter in the House and referred it to the Committee of Privileges which presented its report on 14th July, 1952. Before the House adopted the Report the Speaker made the following observations :—

"The hon. Members of the Opposition are of the opinion that even if an incident takes place at a distance of 15 yards from the House, no notice should be taken of it. The fact is that the demonstrators attempted to hurt the dignity of the House by shouting slogans in front of the Assembly Chamber. It is a clear breach of the privileges of the Members of the House."

If any body who has got any difference of opinion goes to the length of calling you names and shouts slogans against you in front of the Assembly Chamber, would it be possible for you to work in such a disquieting atmosphere ?

We just want to maintain the dignity of the House and protect the hon. Members from any kind of intimidation. The question is not whether a particular group of members regards it as an insult or not, but as to what the House thought of such a demonstration. We want that the atmosphere in the House should remain calm and quiet so that the hon. Members may be able to proceed with their work uninterrupted. I wish that Sardar Chanan Singh could understand the matter and realise its significance. I had hoped that the hon. Members would be unanimous in a matter concerning the dignity of the House and at least the Communist Members would have no objection. True, everybody should have the freedom of speech, but if the hon. Members of this House are called traitors and fifth-columnists in the very precincts of the Assembly Chamber, how can they be expected to discharge their duties satisfactorily ?

Their grievance is that they have not been given representation on the Privileges Committee. It is a fact that they have not been given representation but every body could not be appointed to work on that Committee."

(Debate dated 18th July, 1952)

**Throwing of challenges to Members or taunting them in the House is against the etiquette of the House. Nor is any distinction between one Member and another (on the basis of party) recognised in the House:**

"It is not proper to throw challenges to each other on the floor of the House. There is a convention in the House of Commons that no party or individual throws a challenge to the other. It is exclusively the concern of each party to choose its policy and programme, whether it is constructive or otherwise.

Then there is no distinction between one Member and another in the House whether big or small. Everybody has the same status and receives the same consideration here. I would, therefore, request the hon. Member not to indulge in these taunts."

(Debate dated 24th October, 1952)

**Regarding interruptions**

"The habit of making continuous interruptions is very undesirable, I wonder why the hon. Members do not exercise patience. I, therefore, wish to request you that in case an hon. Member says such things as do not appeal to you, you may keep a note of them and instead of making an interruption at once, give a reply in your own turn. The habit of interrupting in between is neither justified, nor dignified. I would, therefore, request particularly Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut to get rid of this habit but if he does not do that then others would be impelled to retaliate."

(Debate dated 3rd December, 1952)

**Reflection on the Chair**

To ask the Chair to hold the scales even in the matter of allowing time to Members of all parties is a reflection on the Chair and should be avoided.

(Debate dated 5th December, 1952)

**(i) Regarding maintenance of Dignity of the Chair.**

**(ii) Any document from which extracts are read out in the House by any Member should be placed on the Table except when it is a document accessible to all.**

**(iii) A notice of an adjournment motion during the Budget Session is not in order.**

**(iv) Criticism of the ideology of a political party is not a reflection upon any Member and, therefore, not a matter of breach of privilege.**

The Members of the Communist Party had given notice of an adjournment motion on 4th March, 1953, regarding some remarks made by the Chief Minister on the ideology of that party in the course of his reply to the debate on

the Governor's Address. This had been ruled out of order by the Speaker. The Communist Members, thereupon had issued a statement to the Press which was regarded by the Speaker as tantamount to criticism of his actions in the House in his observations as below—

"My attention has been drawn to a public statement issued by Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut justifying the walk-out of some members of this House the other day when the Chief Minister was replying to the two-day debate on the Governor's Address. While I make it clear that I am not concerned with all that he has said about the speech of the Chief Minister yet I feel hurt by his observation that I did not give him any protection. This is a clear charge of partiality against me. It is the pre-requisite of the successful working of every democratic legislature, be it in India or elsewhere, that the impartiality of the Speaker must be recognised and accepted and should not be questioned except on a substantive motion brought against him.

Reflection on the character of the Speaker and accusations of partiality in the discharge of his duty have always been deemed to be a contempt of the House and a violation of the privileges thereof and, therefore, have always been severely dealt with and heavily punished. This statement is not a solitary instance of accusations against the Speaker on the part of Sardar Chanan Singh. It is within my knowledge that he and some other Members have been carrying on a wild propaganda through the press and platform against the Speaker.

The House of Commons has always taken serious notice of such contempt and breaches of privilege and the Members who were responsible for such action had to apologise and withdraw their imputations at the risk of being suspended from Membership.

As we have to establish healthy conventions we should refrain from acts which affect the dignity of the Speaker and, therefore, of the House. I request the hon. Members to please strictly conform to the usages prevailing in democratic parliaments to respect the dignity and prestige of the House. I definitely state that such assaults and attacks will not be tolerated any more because I can never by any act of omission or commission let the dignity of this House suffer or its prestige lowered. Under the rules the Speaker is competent to refer such questions to a Committee of Privileges but I am not doing so in the hope that such breaches will not occur in future. I rely on the sense of responsibility of the Members. Nevertheless, I have no hesitation in saying that if such a situation arises it will be dealt with severely.

Besides this, it is very interesting to note that no such thing has happened since our Government came into power. We have searched and scrutinized old records and have come across only one instance analogous to the one which I have mentioned. In the United Punjab Legislative Assembly, Malik Barkat Ali, a leading member of that Assembly, used improper language against the then Deputy Speaker. These derogatory remarks appeared in the 'Tribune' as well. Then this matter came up before the House. I have no intention to go into the details but I would like to mention that the then Premier, despite his intimate relations with Malik Barkat Ali, stated (I quote his exact words) that—

"I regard it as a gross insult to the Chair. I want the hon. Member concerned to withdraw it."

After a long discussion, Malik Barkat Ali, who stood charged with disrespect to the Chair, stated like this :—

"I assure you that I did not mean any disrespect to the Chair. The Chair has always stood adorned all these years by a Speaker of your unrivalled experience and knowledge of Parliamentary practice.

Although, Malik Barkat Ali, was a lawyer of outstanding ability, yet he admitted that—

"The words fell from my lips in the heat and excitement of the moment and I unreservedly and gladly withdraw them. I assure you and the Deputy Speaker that no insult of any kind was intended by me."

My object in citing these extracts is to impress upon the hon. Members that if such a thing happens again then any Member insulting the Chair will do so at his own risk.

Besides this, there is yet another thing of which I would like to make a mention and that is this. You will remember that yesterday an Adjournment Motion was put forward and I declared it out of order. In this connection it may be stated that during the Budget Session no motion of this kind can be admitted. This is the ruling of a Speaker of the United Punjab Legislative Assembly also. So this has been a convention.

Then, it was demanded by certain Members that the document from which the Chief Minister quoted references should be placed on the Table of the House. I have made a search for the authorities under which this can be done. It is stated that if the Chief Minister or any Minister reads from a document which is not accessible to the hon. Members because of its being a Government document, then he is compelled to place it on the Table. But if he quotes from a newspaper or a book which is easily available in the market then the Chair cannot compel him to put that newspaper or that book on the Table of the House.

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But what I maintain is that if the Chief Minister is reading out extracts from a document to which the public has no access, the members have a right to see it. In that case that document will have to be placed on the Table of the House.

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The other point which has been raised is that the Chief Minister is guilty of criticising the ideology of a political party and its hero and this is tantamount to a breach of privilege of the House. I have carefully gone into this matter and have arrived at the conclusion that the Chief Minister has not been guilty of any breach of privilege of the House. He never mentioned the name of any Member. If he had done so, then that Member could seek the protection of the Speaker by asking the Chief Minister either to make a specific charge against him or to withdraw those remarks. In case of non-compliance of such a request the matter could be regarded as a breach of privilege.

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I am glad that the Communist Members have expressed themselves fully on the subject. However, I have no intention to prolong this matter and I drop it here. I would advise the hon. Members that in future either they should talk to me in the Chamber or else raise whatever matter they wish during the sitting of the House. They should make it a point not to rush to the Press or discuss any of the matters pertaining to the House on a public platform. They should remember it well that by making allegations against their Speaker, they in a way indulge in mud-slinging upon themselves."

(Debate dated 5th March, 1953)

**Regarding undesirable references to the Head of a State or to a foreign country : Such references should not be made, though there is no harm in citing examples of other countries.**

" I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Members to an important matter. It is not proper that any undesirable reference should be made to the Head of the State or to any country with which our country has friendly relations. Such a wish was expressed from the Chair in the course of the last session also. I may repeat that no hon. Member should refer to any foreign country in terms which may indicate even a hint of contempt though there is no harm in citing examples of other countries."

(Debate dated 30th September, 1953.)

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**Speaker as a result of Constitutional conventions entitled to be consulted about the date of the Session as also about the venue of the Session.**

Shri Prabodh Chandra, Chief Parliamentry Secretary had on the 20th July, 1953, issued a statement to the Press regarding the shifting of the Assembly from Simla to Chandigarh and had alleged that the matter was solely within the purview of the Governor and that consultation with the Speaker was nowhere laid down in law. He had also made certain remarks about the House Committee which had been entrusted by the Speaker to report on this matter. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, a Member, had given notice of a Privilege Motion in this connection on 6th October, 1953. After ascertaining that the impugned statement had, in fact, been issued by Shri Prabodh Chandra the Speaker, though refusing his consent to the moving of the motion, made the following observations :—

" Pandit Shri Ram Sharma asked on the 6th October, 1953, for my permission to raise a question of privilege in regard to a statement alleged to have been issued by the Chief Parliamentry Secretary in the issue of the Tribune, dated the 20th July, 1953.

I have ascertained that the statement was in fact issued by the Chief Parliamentary Secretary. I have read this statement very carefully and I find that while mentioning the saving in expenditure that will accrue to the Government in consequence of the move of its offices from Simla to Chandigarh, he unnecessarily raised a constitutional point also. So far as his reference to Section 174 of the Constitution is concerned, I concede that legally speaking it is the Governor, who fixes the venue of the Assembly Session but so far as the time honoured practice and constitutional conventions are concerned they have accorded to the Speaker a status which Shri Prabodh Chandra's statement made a futile attempt to belittle. There are no precedents where the venue of the session of a Legislative House may have been thus changed.

The Speaker who is entitled to be consulted as to when the House should meet is equally entitled to be consulted when so momentous a decision as the one referred to in this statement is taken.

I, therefore, hold that the Speaker is, under constitutional conventions, entitled to be consulted not only in regard to the date of the meeting of the Assembly but also in regard to the venue of the Assembly. In this view, I am fully supported by those who can speak with authority on this question and whose opinion really matters.

The Chief Parliamentary Secretary, possibly in his anxiety to support the Leader, has even gone to the extent of saying things which amount to a reflection on the Speaker and the Members of the House Committee. It is very clear that Shri

Prabodh Chandra has stated that the Speaker as well as the Members of the House Committee were deliberately misstating the position in their anxiety to oppose the move to Chandigarh. I feel that there cannot be any nationalist worth his salt who can even by a whisper oppose the shifting of the Capital from Simla to Chandigarh and I, therefore, regard such a charge against me as not only false but entirley misleading. So far as the Members of the House Committee are concerned, they have through their Reports, which have been put up to me, convinced me that they have taken a right stand. I am extremely grateful to them. To ascribe any evil intentions or ulterior motives to these hon. Members is no less offensive and painful than the insult offered to me. But as the Chairman of this Committee so very generously condoned this attack on the Committee I will not say any more about it, though I do hold that even in regard to its reference to the Committee the statement of the Chief Parliamentary Secretary amounts to a breach of privilege.

I would like to make it clear that reflections upon the character, actions or motives of the Speaker are breaches of privileges and are punishable as such, more so when such reflections give a clue to some newspapers in making unbecoming, improper, undignified and undesirable comments regarding the conduct of Speaker. I would like to add that I was subjected as a result of this statement to gross misrepresentation by a section of the Press and had to refer this matter to the Chairman of the Press Gallery Committee. On his assurance that he had taken suitable action in the matter, I decided to drop the matter.

In brief, my finding is that the statement in question by casting a reflection on me and imputing motives not only to me but the Members of the House Committee as well amounted to a contempt of this House as also a serious breach of privilege. I, however, do not wish to proceed further with this matter and do not allow this question of privilege to be raised."

(Debate dated 8th October, 1953.)

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**Regarding Adjournment Motions**

Notices of adjournment motions during the Budget Session are not in order as the subject matter of such motions can be discussed either during the general discussion of the Budget or during the discussion of Demands of Grants.

(Debate dated 9th March 1954.)

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An adjournment motion seeking to discuss the affairs of autonomous bodies not under the control of the Government, such as the University, is not in order.

(Debate dated 29th March, 1954.)

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**Privilege : its definition, its limitations**

Privilege is a fundamental right of the House and of individual Members against the prerogatives and rights of other authorities which is generally accepted as necessary for the exercise of its constitutional functions by the House.

A breach of privilege is a contempt.

The House in the enjoyment of its privileges cannot and should not infringe or restrict the right of freedom of speach and expression of any other body or individual unless that exercise violates in any way the dignity or prestige of the House.

(Debate dated 19th May, 1954.)

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**Chief Parliamentary Secretary should not ask Supplementary Questions.**

Chief Parliamentary Secretary being a Member of the Government and supplying information, as he does, on various matters on behalf of the Government should not as such ask supplementary questions.

(Debate dated 20th May, 1954.)

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**Refusal to put a Question standing in the name of a Member.**

Every Member is duty-bound to ask his questions unless he gives prior notice for their cancellation. It is an insult to the Chair if a Member, present in the House, refuses to ask his questions.

(In this case the Member had earlier used words to which the Speaker had taken objection and regarded them as an insult. The Member had been ordered to withdraw those words but he had not withdrawn them. It was to signify his protest against the ruling of the Chair that the Member persistently refused, on his questions being called to put them.)

(Debate dated 25th March, 1954.)

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**Regarding reflection on the character or actions of the Speaker.**

"Reflections on the character or actions of the Speaker amount to breaches of privilege and his action cannot be criticised even incidentally in debate c upon any form of proceedings except by a substantive motion".

To say, therefore, that the Speaker replies on behalf of the Government or that he speaks too much amounts to criticism of the Speaker's action and is a breach of privilege.

(Debates dated 25th March, 1954 and 26th March, 1954.)

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**Speaker's prerogative to interpret procedure and practice ;**

**Speaker's rulings constitute precedents ;**

**Speaker's rulings not open to criticism or challenge ;**

**Speaker's actions can be criticised only on a substantive motion ;**

**Conditions of admissibility of Adjournment motions ;**

**Not necessary to read out notice of an adjournment motion ;**

**Speaker can refuse consent to an adjournment motion without assigning any reasons.**

A Member of the House had addressed letters to the Speakers of the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of other States in which he had questioned the validity of the rulings given by the Speaker on the adjournment motions of which he had from time to time given notices. With his letter he had also enclosed the copies of the Adjournment motions which had been ruled out of order. The Speaker had been sent these letters by the Speakers who had been addressed by the Member for such action as he might deem fit to take. He observed as follows :—

"Honourable Members, before we commence any further business I have to discharge my responsibility to you by bringing to your notice a matter in which one

Member of this House addressed communications to Speakers of other Legislatures questioning the validity of the rulings of this Chair in regard to Adjournment Motions. It is only by doing so that I can vindicate the honour and authority of this House. You have to take great care to maintain and even enhance the Speaker's prestige. If his prestige and authority have been jeopardised your prestige and authority have suffered.

2. Honourable Members, by electing me to this office you have been pleased to entrust me with responsibilities , in particular those of maintaining the multitude of your powers and privileges. Reflections on the actions of the Speaker are breaches of your privileges, the protection and preservation of which are the fundamentals of parliamentary democracy which, in this country, we have all chosen to follow. Were it not so, the common endeavour in which we all are close partners would be frittered away, and the object of Article 194 of our Constitution which defines our privileges would be completely frustrated.

3. It is axiomatic that none of us can, in the enjoyment of his individual privileges, offend against the individual privileges of others or the privileges of the Speaker, or the privileges of the House except by sacrifice of accepted canons of Parliamentary practice and procedure. The dignity and prestige of the Legislature and of its Presiding Officer as its representative must not be violated, for, of all organs of the State, the Legislature is entitled to the highest pre-eminence.

4. We are able to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to us by regulating our debate and deliberations in accordance with procedure as contained in our rules and practice which is governed by precedents. The interpretation of procedure and precedents is the prerogative of the Presiding Officer ; in our case, the Speaker, and the rulings that he gives, constitute precedents by which subsequent Speakers, Members and Officers are guided. I might add here that these rulings are not open to challenge by any one, for if it were otherwise the whole process of debate would degenerate into either uncertainty or confusion.

5. With this elucidation of parliamentary law and conventions I have to perform the distressing duty of placing before you the matter of the communication addressed by an Hounourable Member of this House, namely, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, on the subject of adjournment motions, to the Speakers of the Lok Sabha and of Legislative Assemblies in other States in which among other things he had said :—

> " It would be interesting to find that not a single adjournment motion has been held in order by the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly since the present Assembly came into being.
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> Whether any of the following motions can ordinarily be considered in order ",

and he had appended a list of about a dozen notices of adjournment motions which he had given to me during two days of the May Session of this year and which you will find from the proceedings of the Assembly had been disallowed by me on various grounds.

6. I cannot reconcile myself to a possible suggestion that so experienced a Member as Pandit Shri Ram Sharma is, would not have a clear idea of the law on the subject of adjournment motions. He should be aware of the potency of this constitutional weapon, and, on account of the consequences that might ensue from it, of the restrictions on the moving of such motions.

7. As is well-known the subject matter of such a motion must be definite, must be urgent, must be of public, as distinct from individual, importance, must relate to a recent happening, must involve more than the ordinary administration of law, must not be anticipatory and so on. It is not obligatory on the Speaker to read out the notice of the motions, if he holds that it is not admissible, he may even refuse the motion without assigning any reasons. Nevertheless, as a matter of courtesy I had been giving, at first a gist of each motion, later the whole motion itself and the reasons for which I held the motion inadmissible. That should have been the end of the matter.

8. The Honourable Member, however, unconstitutionally resorted to communications to other Speakers and by the wording of his letter not only challenged the decisions of the Speaker but also brought my late predecessor Dr. Satyapal as well as myself into contempt by implying accusations against us of partiality in the discharge of our duties. Such conduct on the part of a Member has, in large numbers of cases arising in the House of Commons, been held as amounting to a breach of privilege. Such cases date back to 1772 but I shall confine myself to recent cases only, such as, Mr. Wedgwood and Mr. Ginnel, C.J. (1911) 34,36, H.C. Deb. (1911) 21, CC. 1435, 1553; Mr. Pointer H.C. Deb (1911), 29, C 34 ; and the Daily Worker C.J. (1937-38) 213.

9. Honourable Members, you are aware that our privileges, till they are defined by law, are the same as those of the British House of Commons and these cases, therefore, lay down the law in this connection in unmistakable terms.

10. The Honourable Member could have discussed the action of the Speaker if he had so desired, on a substantive motion moved in the House and not by a communication addressed to others.

11. Honourable Members, your prestige, your powers, your rights and your privileges have been challenged by an affront offered to your Speaker. This affront, I view, not merely with a great deal of disapproval but also with grave concern, specially because an experienced Parliamentarian and old Member of this House has been responsible for it. His act of subjecting the Speaker's decisions to the scrutiny of an outside authority is tantamount to disrespect to the House and a challenge to our democratic institutions. Our democracy is yet in its infancy and any attempts to retard its growth have to be viewed with alarm and suitably checked. I, therefore, hold that the Member has committed contempt of the House by his effort to hamper and harass the Chair in the performance of its functions impartially and constitutionally. I am not, however, referring this matter to any Committee for I have the inherent right to take action in matters of this nature without any previous order of the House. Accordingly I administer a strong warning to him."

(Debate dated 1st November, 1954.)

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**Whether discussion on a Bill seeking to replace an Ordinance should be postponed in favour of a resolution disapproving the Ordinance.**

A Member had given notices of Resolutions disapproving Ordinances Nos. 3, 5 and 8 of 1954, time for discussing which had not yet been allotted when on the 12th November, 1954, Bills replacing the Ordinances were placed on the Agenda. The Member objected on the ground that his resolutions were entitled to prior discussion.

The Speaker observed that neither the Constitution nor the Rules laid it down as an obligation that when the notice of a resolution was pending a Bill on the same subject could not be proceeded with nor was there any legal provision by virtue of which the Bill was vitiated by an absence of discussion on the Resolution.

(Debate dated 12th November, 1954. )

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**Regarding sitting of the Assembly after mid-night.**

On 12th November, 1954, the motion " that the proceedings on the items of business fixed for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Rule " Sittings of the Assembly. " had been carried. Immediately after mid-night a Member objected that the Assembly in view of the motion as carried could not validly transact the business on the Agenda for the 12th November.

The Speaker ruled that the items of business fixed for the meeting of the Assembly on 12th November, 1954, were exempted by the decision of the Assembly itself, without specifying any time limit, from the provisions of the Rule " Sittings of the Assembly " ; and the business specified in the motion could not be interrupted but had to be completed before the Assembly could adjourn regardless of the hour. He referred to the clear wording of Rule 12 and to May's Parliamentary Practice. He, therefore, overruled the objection and directed that the proceedings shall continue.

(Debate dated 12th November, 1954.)

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**Regarding the circumstances which led the Speaker to adjourn the House on 29th March, 1955.**

On the 29th March, 1955, a Member of the Opposition on discussion on the Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 1955 started his speech with a list of allegations against a Minister which he was reading out from a paper in his hands. The Speaker called him to order but he persisted. There were angry shouts in the House and there was complete disorder. The Speaker's orders went unheeded. He thereupon directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to take the paper from the Member. At this there ensued a great deal of noise. The Speaker was forced to suspend the sitting for half an hour. When the House reassembled he made the following observations :—

"I am extremely sorry that short while ago such a scene was created in this House as never before during which the decorum and dignity were completely ignored. This was one of its own kind in the history of this House. I never thought that parliamentarians like the hon. Members of this House would ignore the Rulings of the Chair in such a way as though neither the Speaker nor his authority existed. I may point out that this honourable House, of which you are the Members, has framed certain Rules for the conduct of its Business, and on the due observance of these Rules depends its prestige. In fact the people outside will judge us only in the light of how we conduct ourselves under these Rules.

I feel that not only do I regret but that all of us must be regretting the unhappy incident that took place in this House, which provides us with opportunities to deliberate together. An attitude was adopted which was not in keeping with its prestige and dignity.

I am particularly sorry that in spite of my having repeated rulings and orders to the hon. Member not to repeat and to resume his seat, he did not do so. I called upon another Member to speak. The hon. Member did not heed my order, but kept standing and continued to attempt to read from a paper. At this there was an uproar in the House. Some hon. Members interfered and ignored the Ruling of the the Chair. I am deeply grieved. I may assure the House that whatever Business is transacted here will be transacted according to the Rules.

Rules have been framed for the conduct of business in this House. Hon. Members have been following them. I can not comprehend what special reasons there were today for these Rules having been defied. I wish to state that I am not prepared to tolerate this kind of attitude.

I repeatedly asked Shri Saigal to resume his seat. I also pointed out to him that if he disobeyed the Ruling of the Chair, he would be made to withdraw from the House. But he continued speaking amidst deafening noise in the House and disobeying the Ruling of the Chair. It is possible that my orders may not have been audible to him in that uproar. At this the Serjeant-at-Arms was asked to go to the Member, ask him to resume his seat and bring the paper from which he was reading.

I resorted to this because I knew that Shri Saigal was an old, respected and experienced Member who had for the freedom of the Country made several sacrifices. That was why I asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to convey to him my message to resume his seat and bring the paper. But before any word could pass between the Serjeant-at-Arms and Shri Saigal, Shri Mani Ram came in between. I strongly deprecate the action of Shri Mani Ram Bagri. He interfered in the carrying out of my orders to the Serjeant-at-Arms. His interference has resulted considerably in the contempt of this House. He not only disobeyed the Ruling and authority of the Chair but also interfered in the carrying out of it.

I had asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to bring the paper because I felt that this was a better course than the one of removing him from the Chamber by force. I did not wish to place him in an awkward position because of his being a " buzurg " and experienced. As you are aware the hon. Member kept standing in spite of my orders. Hon. Members from the Opposition Benches encouraged him by thumping their Benches.

As far as Shri Mani Ram Bagri is concerned, he has committed contempt of the Chair for which he should express his regret. He must do so or else I shall be obliged to take action against him according to Rules and he may have to withdraw from the House.

I would also like to point out that Appropriation Bill is before the House today. Under the Rules a day is specially allotted for the consideration of this Bill and it is to be passed today. I have also to apply the guillotine in this connection today. You have already discussed the General Budget and the Demands for Grants. These very Demands are there in the Appropriation Bill. I am afraid I can not permit discussion of a matter for oblique purposes which Rules forbid. I have to keep the dignity of this House high, and I expect that you will also do the same. Otherwise there is bound to be unpleasantness."

(Debate dated 29th March, 1955)

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**Regarding the question of privilege raised by Pandit Shri Ram Sharma on 30th March, 1955 in connection with the alleged snatching away of papers.**

"I thought that this matter stood closed after I had made my statement yesterday on a similar question of privilege. I also feel that there is no occasion for this question of privilege when a similar one had already come before the House. Since the hon. Member has sent notice of it, I have again obtained an opportunity to explain the whole position so that there be no possibility of any further misunderstanding.

First of all I take the matter about the Serjeant-at-Arms. In this connection the hon. Member Pandit Shri Ram Sharma read out portions from the Act dealing with the duties and functions of the Serjeant-at-Arms. Perhaps, he did not see another section of the same Act which states that the Serjeant-at-Arms is also an officer of the House. For his benefit, I will read that out—

> " The duties of the Serjeant-at-Arms and his deputies, if any shall be to attend on the Speaker, to keep doors of the Assembly building and to execute the orders given by the Speaker under Section 4, for which purposes they may enlist to their aid such servants of the Government or of the Assembly as they may consider necessary ".

So far as the Serjeant-at-Arms is concerned, it is clear that he is an officer of the House in the same way as the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

Yesterday when the hon. Member, Shri Saigal, was reading out something from a paper I told him at the outset that if that was the charge-sheet which the Opposition was seeking to bring against a Minister, then that was not relevant to the motion before the House. In this connection I asked him not once but several times to abstain from reading it. But I am sorry to say that despite my repeated requests and also the fact that I had called upon another hon. Member to speak, he continued his attempt to read from the document.

Shri Saigal is an old Member of this House, an elderly gentleman and one who has made many sacrifices during this Country's struggle for freedom. Keeping these facts in mind, I did not wish that a situation should arise in which the Member may have to be bodily removed from the House.

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I adopted a less unpleasant course. There was so much noise in the House that nothing could be heard. Shri Saigal, as I have said, despite my repeated warnings continued to attempt to read out from the paper he had and neither looked at me, nor heeded my orders. I drew his attention to my orders but he did not care. In these peculiar circumstances I asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to go to the hon. Member, convey my message to him that he should resume his seat and bring to me the paper he had.

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I made it clear yesterday that I had not asked him to " snatch " the paper. Once again I say that I did not ask the Serjeant-at-Arms at all to " snatch " the papers from the hon. Member. The instructions given to him were that he should go to the seat of the Member, request him to resume his seat and bring the paper he had, to me. When ordered to do so, it was the duty of the Serjeant-at-Arms to go to the Member, convey my request and bring the paper to me quietly. But in executing my orders the Serjeant-at-Arms, perhaps, mistakenly thought that he had to bring that paper at all costs. If the Serjeant-at-Arms had followed my orders clearly, no misunderstanding about their scope would have arisen. It was to remove this misunderstanding that I called one of the official reporters to read out his report to the House to show you whether I had used the words " ले आओ " or " खोह लाओ " It is also this misunderstanding which we are regretting.

Since yesterday I have had time to think over the whole matter. I feel that it was an incident of its own kind in the history of this Legislature. We cannot be proud of it in any manner. We are on the other hand extremely sorry for it.

Besides, I would like to inform you that our Serjeant-at-Arms is not a trained Officer so far as his duties in this House are concerned. His services are utilized only during the Sessions. In fact, the question of appointing a Chief Watch and Ward Officer on a whole time basis came up before us. If I had appointed an officer on a whole time basis we would have had to pay him for the whole year whereas his services are required only during the periods when the Sabha is in Session. Therefore, I decided to appoint an Officer for the duration of the Session only, so that we would effect some saving and an officer would be available if an unhappy incident like the one yesterday occurred who could act courteously and politely. Accordingly we appointed an officer with polite and dignified manners.

In the performance of his duties in the House yesterday if he has in any way made a mistake and you have felt it, I may tell you that I have also not liked it. However, I assure you that I will myself take action in the matter and inform you of whatever action, I take. I can assure you that the action I take will satisfy all. I want to state categorically that I shall not under any circumstances or at any cost

let the prestige of this House suffer for I am alive to the fact that my dignity and prestige depend upon your prestige and dignity. I do not wish to condone the lapse of any one which might hurt the dignity and prestige of this House (*Cheers*). I feel that it is my foremost duty not only to safeguard your prestige but also to enhance it. No one can be more anxious than I to maintain the standard of the parliamentary debate and the decorum of the House. I shall do my utmost to secure it and shall not falter. In these circumstances, I would request you not to pursue this matter any further. I would ask the hon. Member Pandit Shri Ram Sharma to come to my Chamber and I am confident that I will be able to satisfy him. My ruling, therefore on this question of privilege is the same as was given yesterday."

(Debate dated the 30th March, 1955)

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**Control over the Public Accounts Committee: Status of Members of the Punjab Legislative Council associated with the Committee.**

When the Chief Minister moved the motion on 21st April, 1955, regarding the association of three Members of the Punjab Legislative Council with the Public Accounts Committee of the Assembly the Speaker made the following observations—

"I wish to make a few observations in regard to the motion moved by the Chief Minister (on the subject of nomination of 3 Members from the Council to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of this House). He has also made certain observations while moving the motion. We will follow the pattern prevailing in the Lok Sabha. There should, therefore, be no doubt in the minds of the Members of this House about who shall control the Public Accounts Committee consisting of Members of this Sabha and the Members to be associated with it by the Council if this motion is carried here and concurred in by the Legislative Council. The whole body would be under the control of the Speaker. All the Members, however, would have equal status so far as the deliberations and voting and other things in the Committee are concerned. The control would be that of the Speaker. The Gazette notification of the Members who are nominated by the Council to serve on this Committee would, like the notification of Members elected by this House, be issued by the Secretariat of this Sabha.

Since it is a Committee of this House, the Report of the Committee shall be presented only to this House.

The position is consistent with the position which has been adopted in Parliament at the Centre."

(Debate dated 21st April, 1955)

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**What is leakage of the budget:**

(A Member had given notice of his intention to move a motion relating to the breach of privilege of the House arising out of budget documents having been made available to the Press before the presentation of the Budget for 1955-56 to the Assembly).

"The hon. Member (Maulvi Abdul Ghani) says that leakage has taken place due to copies of the Budget proposals having been made available to the press in advance of their presentation to this Assembly.

It is an old convention dating back, I believe, to 1937 to give advance copies to the Press and this concession to the Press has not so far been abused. The same practice holds good in other States and even at the Centre. The Press is as important a part of the democratic organisation as any Legislative Chamber. It is always taken into confidence in important matters. We are all engaged in a common endeavour, which is the service of the common man.

Leakage is that which leaks out. The Member has not shown that any leakage has taken place which might have had the effect of upsetting the financial markets of the State.

I, therefore, hold that there has been no leakage as such and accordingly refuse to give consent to the moving of this motion. I would, however, suggest that the Government might examine its present practice in this connection".

(Debate dated 11th March, 1955)

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**Regarding disposal of office files by an officer while sitting in the Officers' Gallery.**

A member had taken objection to an officer sitting in the Officer's Gallery disposing of his files on the grounds that doing so disturbed the Members and was disrespectful to the House. (It may be mentioned that the Officers' Gallery is so situated that though railed off any one sitting in it is in the full view of the House). The Speaker observed as follows—

"The other day an hon. Member of this House brought to my notice the fact that an officer of the Government sitting in the Officers' Gallery was disposing of his files and thereby showing discourtesy to the House.

I have very carefully considered the question whether Galleries are a part of the Chamber or not and I have come to the conclusion that they are those parts of the House which are not appropriated to the use of Members. Nevertheless, Officers and other visitors who are present in them must observe proper decorum and show proper courtesy to the House.

While I do not object to Officers noting down points which arise in the House in debate for assisting their Ministers and also referring to files to find suitable answers thereto for submission to their Ministers, I am of the view that disposal of files apart from its being a disturbing factor to the Members sitting in the House amounts also to a disrespect to it.

If Officers wish to dispose of their files, the proper place for them to do so is not the Officers' Gallery of the House but their own office rooms. They come here in the discharge of their duty, namely, to assist their Ministers and their work in this Gallery must remain confined to that alone".

(Debate dated 15th March, 1955)

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**Dignity of the Chair : holding out threats through Press most undesirable.**

An attempt had been made on one occasion to read out charges against a Minister in the course of a speech on an Appropriation Bill. The Speaker had disallowed it observing that that should be done, if desired, according to procedure. In this connection a certain news item had appeared in the Press. The Speaker had observed as follows—

"My attention has been drawn to a news item published in the "Prabhat" bearing the date 20th of April, 1955, stating in effect that the Opposition in their attempt to read charges of corruption against a Minister would, if necessary, resort to protest and offer Satyagrah if they are stopped from doing so.

My attention has also been drawn to a news item published in the "Hind Samachar" bearing the date 17th of April, 1955 in which it has been hinted that their attempt to read charges against Ministers in the Assembly, if resisted by the Speaker, would make the Opposition disobey his authority.

I deeply regret the publication of news items of this nature, aimed as they are at belittling and even setting at naught the authority and dignity of the Chair. Hon. Members should be aware that the Speaker's duty is of a very delicate nature because it has always been his greatest endeavour to conduct the proceedings of this august House in accordance with the principles which have been laid down in our procedural rules. Any attempt, near or remote, to depart from the dictates of those rules cannot be tolerated, for if that were tolerated the proceedings of this House would suffer from a great deal of confusion and uncertainty.

If the intention of some Members by getting such news items published is to hold out threats then all I can say is that they are only trying to strangle democracy which is so far in its initial stages.

Lest there be any misunderstanding in the mind of any one I want to make it clear that if any Member wishes to read any charges against any Minister he should do so in accordance with the clear provisions of the rules and not otherwise. If he attempts to read them contrary to procedure, he will be stopped from doing so as happened on the last occasion.

I shall make an independent enquiry as to how news items of this nature get published in newspapers, for publication of such news is contempt of the Speaker. I shall also consult the Press Gallery Committee and take such action against the said newspaper as may be deemed necessary."

(Debate dated 19th April, 1955.)

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**Rescission of decision by the House.**

The decision of the House carrying an amendment to a Clause of a Bill was rescinded on a motion moved for the purpose and carried. A Member rising on a point of order asked if this rescission by the House was valid. The Speaker held—

"A decision of the House can be rescinded by a regular motion at any time and that the House is fully competent to discuss, accept or reject that motion."

(Debate dated 4th October, 1955.)

**Public Accounts Committee : its status and its functions, matters pending before the Committee should not be brought before the House, reflections on it amount to contempt of the House.**

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The Irrigation and Power Minister in answer to Starred Question No. 4707 had laid his reply on the Table of the House on 21st March, 1955. It was alleged by some Members that the reply contained remarks derogatory to the Public Accounts Committee, and they gave notice of their intention to raise a question of Privilege on this score. The Irrigation and Power Minister tendered an unconditional apology to the House. The Speaker, however, made the following observations—

"Notice, as the hon. Members are aware, was received on the 22nd of March, 1955, seeking to raise a question of privilege on the ground that the statement placed by the Irrigation and Power Minister on the Table of the House in answer to Starred Assembly Question No. 4707 attacked the *bona fides* of the Public Accounts Committee and contained remarks which were derogatory to its dignity. At the request of the Chief Minister, I postponed my decision on the question."

I have been able to utilize this interval that has elapsed since the receipt of the notice in scrutinising the disputed statement. There is no doubt in my mind that it contains remarks and observations which should not have been made, as being derogatory to the dignity and constitutional importance of the Public Accounts Committee.

This Committee is constituted by this House for each financial year to examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by this House to meet the expenditure of the State Government. The functions of the Committee extend, however, beyond the formality of the expenditure to its "wisdom, faithfulness and economy." It acts not only as a check upon extravagant, irregular or unauthorised expenditure but also upon unwise methods of management. Its duties are, therefore, onerous and their performance, sometimes perhaps, not relished by some individual officers. But that I cannot conceive as a justification for an affront offered to the integrity and high sense of public duty of the Committee, for an affront offered to the Committee is an affront to the House.

In this particular case, it appears the Committee's observations in regard to the Bhakra Canals Administration engendered in the minds of the Engineers a feeling of antagonism against the Committee which they took this opportunity to express in this oblique manner. While this kind of hostile and insulting observations in reference to the Committee must be deprecated in the strongest terms the Ministers and their departmental heads must show due regard to all the Committees of the House and their observations. I am glad that the Chief Minister and the Minister for Irrigation and Power have made suitable amends to this House and the Public Accounts Committee by offering adequate regrets for the inadvertent action on the part of the Irrigation and Power Minister in placing on the Table a note prepared by his Department without having gone through it. He has assured the House that he meant no disparagement to the Committee and that the statement that he intended to place was not the one that was in fact placed. That statement was handed over by him to me and passed on by me to the Public Accounts Committee. The Public Accounts Committee had a meeting yesterday in this connection and its proceedings which

have been put up to me evince its resentment. It has been said that the statement, since it was submitted to it for scrutiny, should not have been laid before the House. I also think that it was not proper for him to have laid even that statement on the Table as it was under examination of the Public Accounts Committee. Let it be understood that the reports which the departments wish to submit in relation to the observations of the Public Accounts Committee must be submitted to the Committee itself, and not directly to the House.

In view of the amends made by the Irrigation and Power Minister, as I have said, the matter need not be pursued any further. I therefore, do not give my consent to the raising of this question of privilege."

(Debate dated 25th March, 1955.)

**Chair's decision: no outside interference.**

"I may tell you that Members having different viewpoints come to me in my Chamber and give their views. But the Chair is not connected with or prejudiced against any viewpoint. The Chair will act as it deems fit. No Member has a right to interfere in its decision. If certain suggestions are worthy of acceptance, the Chair will think over them. But no outside interference can be permitted in its decisions. I will do as I think fit. This is my discretion."

(Debate dated 25th November, 1955.)

**Privilege Motion : decision of the House. Addressing outside authorities against the decisions of the House is a breach of Privilege.**

A Member had given notice of a privilege motion regarding the leakage of the Budget. The Speaker had given his consent but the House had refused to grant leave to the moving of the motion. Notwithstanding the decision of the House the Member had addressed letters to outside authority asking, in effect, their intervention in the matter. The Speaker on hearing about this matter made the following observations—

"Hon. Members, before we commence the business of the day, I have to discharge my responsibility to you by bringing to your notice a matter in which an hon. Member of this House addressed a communication, part of which was couched in objectionable terms, to outsiders, in which this hon. House has already taken a decision.

You may recall that on the 14th of March, 1956, Shri Balu had given notice to raise a question involving a breach of privilege of the House on the alleged leakage of the Budget. You may also remember that I had already held the matter proposed to be discussed as being in order and had put it to the House for leave. You may further remember that only one Member, namely, Shri Balu himself had stood up in favour of leave being granted and, therefore, the member did not have the leave of the House to raise this question of privilege.

Notwithstanding this decision of the House, this hon. Member addressed communications, as I have said, to outsiders such as the President of the Indian National Congress, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Home Minister to the Union Government of India in the following objectionable terms :—

'With due respect I beg to draw your attention to the following very serious and important matter for necessary action as well as for future vigilance and check..............'

Under the Rules of Procedure of the House, the question of admissibility of a privilege motion is a matter entirely within the sole jurisdiction of this House and that when this question has already been decided by the House an approach by a member to outsiders, however, highly placed they may be, is tantamount to a reflection on the decision of this House and he commits contempt of the House. I, therefore, hold that Shri Balu by his act of addressing communication to outside authorities criticising the decision of this House and inviting outside aid for action, vigilance and check on this House, has committed contempt of this House. The proper course for the member would have been to move this House itself to rescind its decision if he was dissatisfied with it rather than reflect on it publicly.

This is a serious matter and I should have referred it to the Committee of Privileges for examination but in view of the fact that the Member being recently elected is as yet not experienced enough in the method of parliamentary democracy and was possibly not aware of the serious consequences of his indiscretion, I am content with issuing him a warning."

(Debate dated 4th April, 1956.)

## APPENDIX I

### NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

1. **The Punjab Restraint on Dowry and Other Expenses On Marriages Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 23rd October, 1952 ; passed on 2nd April, 1954).

This Bill was intended to check the growing evil of extravagant dowries in marriages.

2. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1953.** (Introduced on 12th March, 1953 ; passed on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill enabled a person, aggrieved by the findings of the Board given under Section 52 of the principal, Act, to appeal to the Commission for setting aside such findings and empowered the Board to elect a new Executive Committee in place of the existing one if it ceased to enjoy the confidence of the Board.

3. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill , 1956.** (Introduced on 3rd April, 1956,; passed on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill provided that an Improvement Trust in the State may abandon a scheme to meet the ever rising and quick needs of the public for constructing their own houses.

It also gave the right of appeal to property owners against the order of the Tribunal constituted under section 58 of the principal Act.

## APPENDIX II

## OFFICIAL BILLS PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING THE YEARS 1952—57

1. **The Punjab Appropriation (Second Vote on Account) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 17th June, 1952 ; passed on 17th June, 1952).

This Bill provided for further withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab required to meet demands that were likely to arise during the period of four months beginning on the 1st day of April, 1952.

2. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill amended the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887, with a view to make agricultural lands diverted to non-agricultural purposes, liable to special assessment of land revenue not provided in the principal Act.

3. **The Punjab Merged States (Laws) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 29th July, 1952 ; passed on 29th July, 1952).

This Bill extended the provisions of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, to the merged State of Loharu, as from the 1st day of April, 1948.

4. **The East Punjab Requisitioning of Immovable Property (Temporary Powers) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill extended, up to the 14th August, 1954, the life of the principal Act, which dealt with powers for requisitioning and acquisition of immovable property for the use of Government offices, Government employees and other essential persons.

5. **The East Punjab Refugees (Registration of Land Claims) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Revenue Assistants, Tehsildars and other officers appointed by the Government to pass final orders under section 8 of the principal Act in cases of false or partially false claims submitted by persons in respect of their land holdings left in West Punjab (Pakistan).

6. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (Loans and Grants) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill amended the principal Act to provide for the validation of certain loans advanced to displaced students for completing their studies or training and to recover these loans as arrears of land revenue.

7. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 9th July, 1952 ; passed on 9th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants voted by the Legislative Assembly and the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1953.

8. **The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 21st July, 1952 ; passed on 22nd July, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Government to provide State cars to Ministers, to be maintained at Government expense, in lieu of conveyance allowance and to regulate the travelling allowance of Ministers. It further sought to clarify the provisions of the existing Act dealing with free furnished residences for the Ministers.

9. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 22nd July, 1952 ; passed on 22nd July, 1952).

This Bill sought to make provision for the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council.

10. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 14th July, 1952 ; passed on 16th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the levy of tax on passengers and goods carried by road by motor vehicles.

11. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) Bill, 1952·** (Introduced·on 22nd July, 1952 ; passed on 23rd July, 1952).

This Bill made provision for the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Punjab Legislative Council.

12. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 23rd July, 1952 ; passed on 23rd July, 1952).

This Bill declared the holders of certain offices as not being disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, Members of the Punjab State Legislature.

13. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 23rd July, 1952 ; passed on 23rd July, 1952).

This Bill prescribed penalty for non-compliance with the requisition issued or summons served by the consolidation officers or settlement officers under section 40 of the principal Act.

14. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 16th July, 1952 ; passed on 18th July, 1952).

This Bill sought to check the evasion of tax levied under the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948.

15. **The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1952** ( Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 30th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the prevention of ejectment of certain categories of tenants and for restoring certain categories of ejected tenants to their tenancies.

16. **The Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reform) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 29th July, 1952 ; passed on 30th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the registration of habitual offenders in the State and for imposing certain restrictions on them in the interest of law and order.

17. **The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 31st July, 1952 ; passed on 31st July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the regulation and licensing of Cinemas in the State.

18. **The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 31st July, 1952 ; passed on 31st July, 1952).

This Bill empowered the State Government to regulate the sale of building sites and to make building rules in connection with the construction of the Capital at Chandigarh.

19. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 29th July, 1952 ; passed on 29th July, 1952).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to—

(1) reduce the quorum necessary for the formation of schemes under Chapter IV of the principal Act ; and

(2) empower Improvement Trusts to levy betterment contribution on the owner of any property where, by the making of any improvement scheme, the value of such property had increased or was likely to increase.

20. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 31st July, 1952 ; passed on 2nd December, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Government to establish a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat in each village or in each group of villages and to invest them with powers for the levy of taxes and to contract loans with the approval of the Government.

21. **The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 20th October, 1952 ; passed on 20th October, 1952).

This Bill vested proprietary rights in occupancy tenants on payment of compensation to the landlords whose rights are in consequence extinguished.

22. **The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 21st October, 1952 ; passed on 21st October, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Labour Commissioner to decide appeals against the orders of the Inspector under Sections 7, 10 and 11 of the principal Act.

23. **The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th October, 1952 ; passed on 25th October, 1952).

The Bill made all the citizens of India, who immediately before the 15th August, 1947, ordinarily resided in the undivided Punjab, eligible for a war jagir under section 2 of the principal Act.

24. **The Cattle Trespass (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 21st October, 1952 ; passed on 21st October, 1952).

This Bill provided for the confiscation of trespassing cattle and for the payment of compensation by the offender to the owner of the damaged crop in order to protect food crops from damage by stray cattle.

25. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill,** 1952. (Introduced on 24th October, 1952 ; passed on 24th October, 1952).

The Bill fixed the maximum rate of sales tax under the principal Act at two pice in a rupee of the taxable turnover of a dealer.

26. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 27th October, 1952 ; passed on 27th October, 1952).

This Bill provided for the recovery of the tax, levied under the principal Act, from truck owners in the State on a lump sum basis.

27. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th October, 1952 ; passed on 25th October, 1952).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act with a view to clarify the meaning of the word 'house' (provided free to the Chairman, Punjab Legislative Council) the maintenance charges of which, including local rates and taxes and charges for electricity and water, were to be borne by the Government.

28. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th October, 1952 ; passed on 25th October, 1952).

This bill sought to amend the principal Act with a view to clarify the meaning of the word 'house' (provided free to the Speaker, Punjab Legislative Assembly) the maintenance charges of which, including local rates and taxes and charges for electricity and water, were to be borne by the Government.

29. **The East Punjab Cotton (Statistics) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 27th October, 1952 ; passed on 27th October, 1952).

This Bill prescribed penalty for offences committed under the principal Act by a Company or other corporate body.

30. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 27th October, 1952 ; passed on 27th October, 1952).

This Bill reduced period of three months which, under the principal Act, must elapse between the notification of a municipal tax and its coming into force, to one month.

This Bill also provided for specific penalty for enforcing the provisions of Section 74 of the principal Act which required notices to be given to municipal committees of all transfers of title in connection with the property tax.

✓ 31. **The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 28th October, 1952 ; passed on 2nd December, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Government to prevent the growth of slums and ramshackle construction on the land lying in the periphery of Chandigarh.

32. **The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 28th October, 1952 ; Passed on 4th December, 1952.)

This Bill empowered the State Government to levy betterment charges and acreage rates on lands covered in an irrigation scheme.

33. **The Punjab Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 8th April, 1953 ; Passed on 8th April, 1953.)

This Bill amended the principal Act by reducing the number of members of the Punjab Nurses Registration Council, by empowering the Council to hold and regulate the conduct of examinations for nurses and midwives and by debarring unregistered nurses, midwives, health visitors and nurse-dais from practising and holding any such appointment in any Hospital, Nursing Home, etc.

34. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 28th November, 1952 ; Passed on 28th November, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the supplementary expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for the year 1952-53.

35. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 5th December, 1952 ; Passed on 26th February, 1953.)

This Bill consolidated and amended the law relating to land tenures in the Punjab. It replaced the Punjab Tenants (Security of Tenure) Act, 1950 and the Punjab Tenants (Security of Tenure) Amendment Act, 1951 (President's Act V of 1951).

36. **The East Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 4th December, 1952 ; Passed on 4th December, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the extension of the term of the Board of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of medicine, Punjab, constituted under the proviso to Section 6 (1) of the principal Act, from two to three years.

37. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (Buildings and Building Sites) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 4th December, 1952 ; Passed on 4th December, 1952.)

This Bill enabled the Government to charge a rate of interest higher than that provided in the principal Act from new purchasers of sites and buildings on the loans granted to them.

It also empowered the Deputy Commissioners to sanction transfers of plots and houses in the new townships and colonies and authorised the Commissioners to hear appeals from and revise the orders of the Deputy Commissioners under the principal Act.

38. **The Punjab Abolition of Ala Malkiyat and Talukdari Rights Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1953 ; Passed on 21st March, 1953.)

This Bill sought to abolish the rights of superior proprietors by conferring full proprietary rights on inferior proprietors in land held by them on payment of compensation in accordance with the recommendations of the Land Reforms Committee and for certain consequential and incidental matters.

39. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 5th December, 1952 ; Passed on 5th December, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the payment to a Member of the Assembly of a halting allowance at the rate of Rs 10 per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of the Assembly or Committee at Simla and Rs 7/8/- per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of a Committee anywhere else.

40. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 5th December, 1952 ; Passed on 5th December, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the payment to a Member of the Council of a halting allowance at the rate of Rs 10 per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of the Council or Committee at Simla and Rs 7/8/- per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of a Committee anywhere else.

41. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 13th October, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Judicial Commission to decide questions regarding disqualification of Members of Committees and of Boards constituted under the principal Act.

42. **The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1953 ; Passed on 21st March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for compensation to be paid under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, after certain categories of deductions in cases where possession of any land has been taken over under Section 3 of the East Punjab Utilization of Lands Act, 1949.

43. **The Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees (Repealing) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 20th March, 1953 ; Passed on 20th March, 1953.)

This Bill repealed the Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Act, 1934 and the Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees (Repealing) Act, 1952 (President's Act VI of 1952).

44. **The Punjab Extinguishment of Jagirs Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 15th April, 1953.)

This Bill abolished all Jagirs and Muafis in the State except Military Jagirs, and Jagirs and Muafis granted in favour of religious and charitable institutions.

45. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th March, 1953. Passed on 6th March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the Supplementary expenditure charges on the Consolidated Fund and the Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for the year 1952-53.

46. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 7th April, 1953 ; Passed on 7th April, 1953.)

This Bill empowered Officers of the Excise and Taxation Department to exercise appellate and revisional authority under the principal Act instead of the Financial Commissioner, Divisional Commissioners and Collectors.

47. **The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1953 ; Passed on 21st March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the requisitioning and acquisition of immovable property for the purposes of the State.

48. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 8th April, 1953 ; Passed on 8th April, 1953.)

This Bill provided for an equitable concession to the marginal assessees in whose cases tax calculated on the annual rental value exceeded the difference between the annual value and the exemption limit referred to in section 4(1) (c) of the principal Act.

49. **The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—Introduced on 8th April, 1953 ; Passed on 8th April, 1953.)

This Bill separated the salary of the Chief Minister from his sumptuary allowance by providing for the payment of a sumptuary allowance to him at the rate of Rs. 500 per mensem.

50. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill** (No. 2), **1953.**—(Introduced on 20th March, 1953 ; Passed on 20th March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Legislative Assembly and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year 1953-54.

51. **The Sikh Gurdwaras** (**Second Amendment**) **Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 14th April, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Board, constituted under Section 40 of the principal Act, to invest sums received by it in Government Securities or National Saving Certificates, instead of placing them to the credit of a particular fund in a bank.

It also authorised the Board to use and allocate funds belonging to certain notified Sikh Gurdwaras left in Pakistan and deposited with or received by it under Section 127-A of the principal Act for purposes of those Gurdwaras, the surplus to be used for such religious, charitable, educational or industrial purposes as the Board, in a general meeting, might determine.

52. **The Punjab Sikh Gurdwaras Board (Transitional Provisions) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 14th April, 1953.)

Since the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, after partition, was constituted under the provisions of the India (Adaptation of Existing Indian Laws) Order, 1947, this Bill enabled the Government to assume powers by *ad hoc* legislation to fill vacancies on the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee by election, nomination or co-option in the manner in which they had been filled before partition except vacancies relating to the constituencies included in Punjab (Pakistan) which were to be left unfilled.

53. **The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 15th April, 1953 ; Passed on 13th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the non-proprietors in villages to acquire rights in the Shamilat Land and proprietary rights in sites under their residential houses in the Abadi Deh.

54. **The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 15th April, 1953 ; Passed on 15th April, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to recover charges from owners of land in respect of new drainage schemes, either in lump sum or in instalments, as if these were arrears of land revenue, instead of as an annual rate as provided in the principal Act.

55. **The East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1953 ; Passed on 18th April, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to recover tractor cultivation charges from cultivators in one or more annual instalments.

56. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1953 ; Passed on 18th April, 1953.)

This Bill intended to remove certain difficulties noticed in the actual working of the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948, as amended by the East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Act, 1952.

57. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1953 ; Passed on 18th April, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the payment of Court fee in a suit to obtain relief in respect of any property on the value of the property calculated in the manner provided in clause (v) of section 7 instead of on the jurisdictional value of the relief claimed.

58. **The Punjab Livestock Improvement Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill provided for improvement in the breeding of Cattle.

59. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953.)

This Bill determined afresh the number of elected members on the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and the number of seats to be reserved for the Sikhs belonging to the Scheduled Castes.

60. **The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953).

This Bill provided for the application of special procedure for taking over possession of land when it was acquired for a number of specified purposes, for a reduction in the interest payable on the amount of compensation and for the order of the collector passed under section 18 revisable by the High Court.

61. **The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 28th September, 1953 ; Passed on 28th September, 1953.)

This Bill removed the doubt about the State Government being the authority empowered to declare, by notification, any area to be an urban area under the principal Act.

62. **The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1953.**—

(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill validated all orders made, proceedings taken and acts done by the Government after the 16th October, 1952, in pursuance of the notification issued under Section 25-A (1) of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, in respect of the Market Committee in the Ferozepore District.

63. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (House Building Loans) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 13th October, 1953 ; Passed on 13th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to levy a rate of interest with reference to the rate charged by the Government of India on the house building loans advanced to builders under the Act.

64. **The Punjab State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill gave to displaced industrialists certain benefits and security to Government for the loans advanced under the Act. It also provided for the recovery of subsidies as arrears of land revenue.

65. **The Punjab Minor Canals (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to require persons deriving benefits from canals, directly or indirectly, to provide free unskilled labour for their construction, repair and maintenance.

66. **The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) Bill, 1953**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided that all powers, functions or duties of the Commissioners, under certain provisions of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, the Punjab Small Towns Act, 1921, and the Punjab Municipal (Executive Officers) Act, 1931, shall be exercised, performed or discharged, by the State Government and the Deputy Commissioner, respectively. It also empowered the State Government to delegate its powers, etc., in this behalf to any Officer or authority.

67. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 28th September, 1953 ; Passed on 28th September, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to require a Municipal Committee to impose any tax, not already imposed, or to modify the rate of any tax already in force, and to levy a tax or modify its rate itself in case of default by a Municipal Committee.

68. **The Punjab District Boards (Second Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 28th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to require a District Board to impose any tax, not already imposed, or to modify the rate of any tax already in force, and to levy a tax or modify its rate itself in case of default by a District Board.

69. **The Punjab Small Towns (Second Amendement) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to require a Town Committee to impose any tax, not already imposed, or to modify the rate of any tax already in force, and to levy a tax or modify its rate itself in case of default by a Town Committee.

70. **The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for maternity benefit for 42 days instead of 30 days following the day of delivery being given to women employed in factories.

71. **The Punjab Vaccination Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for compulsory re-vaccination of children twice in addition to the primary vaccination before their attainment of the age of thirteen years.

72. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill made certain consequential amendments to the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952.

73. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 1953.** (Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953.)

This Bill made certain consequential amendments in the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925, necessitated by the amendment of Section 85 thereof by the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Act, 1949.

74. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for a free furnished house to the Speaker, not necessarily at Simla, and enabled the Government to allow him to continue in free occupation of the house for a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of his ceasing to be the Speaker.

75. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for a free furnished house to the Chairman, not necessarily at Simla, and enabled the Government to allow him to continue in free occupation of the house for a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of his ceasing to be the Chairman.

76. **The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Second Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to allow a Minister to continue in free occupation of the house provided to him for a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of his ceasing to be a Minister.

77. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953.)

This Bill amended the definition of the term "self-cultivation" as given in Section 2(9) of the Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act, 1953 and withdrew the special provision in Section 9(2) (vii) of the principal Act in favour of persons serving in the Armed Forces of the Union.

78. **The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1953 ; Passed on 14th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled persons who had graduated in any Faculty of the University of the Punjab at Lahore before 1948 to get themselves registered in the Register of Graduates of the East Punjab University at any time on their fulfilment of the required conditions.

79. **The Punjab Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 3rd November, 1954.)

This Bill sought to check the mixing of various varieties of cotton in the ginning and pressing factories, etc., in the State.

80. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 9th October, 1953 ; Passed on 9th October, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for the expenditure for 1953-54.

81. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Commissioner to dispose of matters which under certain Sections used to go to the Financial Commissioner and the Government. It also provided for copies of revenue records being sent by post.

82. **The Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of Purchase and Supply) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1953 ; Passed on 14th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to establish a Sugarcane Control Board, to appoint a Cane Commissioner and to punish for contraventions of the Act as also to raise funds by imposing a tax on the purchase of sugarcane by factories so as to provide for its development and national distribution on scientific lines. It also provided for the purchase of sugarcane through licensed agents.

83. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 2nd April, 1954 ; Passed on 2nd April, 1954.)

This Bill defined the term "common purpose" and thereby removed the lacuna in Section 8 of the principal Act.

84. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 9th March, 1954 ; passed on 9th March, 1954.)

This Bill substituted a new Schedule of constituencies of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and made them effective retrospectively.

85. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; Passed on 29th March, 1954.)

This Bill empowered the assessing authority to entertain objections from aggrieved persons within 30 days of the receipt of the first demand notice.

86. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; Passed on 2nd November, 1954.)

This Bill empowered the Government to set up check-posts and barriers in the State to check large-scale evasion of sales tax on goods brought into the State by road.

87. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; Passed on 31st March, 1954.)

This Bill restricted the exemption from the payment of immovable property tax to only those buildings and lands which either belonged to educational institutions or had been given to such institutions without rent.

88. **The Punjab State Tube-well Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1954 ; Passed on 30th March, 1954.)

This Bill provided for the regulation of supplies to and recoveries of dues from the irrigators in respect of State tube-wells.

89. **The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1954 ; Passed on 30th March, 1954.)

This Bill invested the Government with power to frame rules for the disposal of trees and timber or other forest produce belonging to the Government.

90. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 15th March, 1954 ; passed on 15th March, 1954.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the supplementary expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the grants made by the Legislative Assembly for the expenditure for 1953-54.

91. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954.)

This Bill amended the definition of 'dealer' and empowered the Government to charge sales tax from non-resident dealers who deliver goods into the Punjab for consumption in this State.

92. **The Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; Passed on 29th March, 1954.)

This Bill provided for the licensing, possession and sale of tobacco to check smuggling of manufactured tobacco in the State.

93. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill provided for exemption from sales tax of only such goods as are used as raw material for directly manufacturing, processing, etc., or making of goods, declared as taxable by the Government from time to time, in order to avoid loss of revenue to the Government.

94. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill by amending Section 9 of the Act enabled the Government to publish the list of names and addresses of registered dealers together with a description of goods covered by their certificates of registration in a separate book form instead of in the Punjab Government Gazette.

95. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; passed on 29th March, 1954).

This Bill enabled the Government to charge the tax from the owners of taxi cabs on a lump sum basis.

96. **The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; passed on 29th March, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to vary the rate of motor vehicles tax.

97. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 26th March, 1954 ; passed on 26th March, 1954).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Assembly and the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year, 1954-55.

98. **The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; passed on 29th March, 1954).

This Bill provided for the levy of entertainment tax on cinema shows in the State.

99. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill enlarged the functions of the Gram Panchayats to enable them to organise village development programmes and for the purpose equippred them with a small bloc of officers to advise them.

It also provided for the delegation of powers and functions of the Deputy Commissioners under the Act to the Sub-Divisional Officers wherever necessary.

100. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 2nd April, 1954 ; passed on 2nd April, 1954).

This Bill by repealing the Punjab Small Towns Act of 1921 and by providing for Municipal Committees of the third class for such Towns brought about one common pattern of Urban Local Bodies in the State.

101. **The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 2nd April, 1954 ; passed on 2nd April, 1954).

This Bill provided for the delegation of powers and functions of the Deputy Commissioners under the principal Act to the Sub-Divisional Officers, wherever necessary.

102. **The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 18th May, 1954 ; passed on 19th May 1954).

This Bill provided further facilities to the owner of a requisitioned property or a person interested in such property for representing his case to the competent authority and the State Government for consideration.

103. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 19th May, 1954 ; Passed on 19th May, 1954).

This Bill saves official receivers who are not whole time salaried Government servants from being disqualified from the membership of the State Legislature under Article 191 of the Constitution.

104. **The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on May, 1954 ; Passed on 1st November, 1954).

This Bill consolidated and amended the Law relating to Co-operative Societies.

105. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 21st May, 1954 ; Passed on 21st May, 1954).

This Bill enabled Government to nominate qualified members of Scheduled Castes on Gram Panchayats where their requisite number is not elected for want of correct basis for determining their proper representation on the Gram Panchayats.

106. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 2nd November, 1954 ; Passed on 2nd November, 1954).

This Bill added Section 195 (a) of the Punjab Municipal Act in the principal Act and thereby empowered an Improvement Trust to put a stop to any building operation by serving a notice on the owner within six months from the commencement of such operation.

107. **The Punjab Merged States (Laws) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 1st November, 1954 ; Passed on 1st November, 1954).

This Bill extended more Punjab Laws to the merged States of Loharu, Dujana and Pataudi.

108. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 3rd November, 1954 ; Passed on 3rd November, 1954).

This Bill prescribed rates of court fees for applications made under the Indian Companies Act, 1913.

109. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill imposed a surcharge on land revenue at such places where assessment of land revenue had not been made recently.

110. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill provided that persons who had been allotted lands under Consolidation of Holdings Scheme should not be dispossessed if the scheme was subsequently revoked or varied, till a fresh scheme was brought into force.

111. **The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 3rd November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to alter the constitution of District Boards without superseding them.

112. **The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to extend the benefit of Jagir under the East Punjab War Awards Act, 1948, to parents who were residents of Punjab and had given 3 or more of their sons for recruitment in the late Pepsu Army during World War II.

113. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill provided for the adoption for Gurdwara Elections of electoral offences mentioned in the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

114. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to alter the extent of certain constituencies for the Gurdwara elections without preparing fresh electoral rolls.

115. **The Punjab Municipal (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill provided for the conversion of Town Committees into 3rd class Municipal Committees.

**116. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 11th November, 1954 ; Passed on 11th November, 1954).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for 1954-55.

117. **The Sikh Gurdwaras Committees Election (Validation) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill validated the action taken by the Returning Officers appointed for conducting Gurdwaras Committees Election under the Sikh Gurdwaras Committee Rules, 1925.

118. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill regularised payment and appropriation of certain further sums out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the year ending on 31st day of March, 1951.

119. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 8th December, 1954 ; Passed on 8th December, 1954).

This Bill provided that non-evacuee lands which had come into the possession of displaced persons in consolidation proceedings and evacuee lands which had similarly come into the possession of non-displaced persons could be declared as evacuee and non-evacuee lands, respectively, so that the Central Government by notification might acquire evacuee lands in the State and allot them to displaced persons under the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Act, 1954.

120. **The Punjab Departmental Enquiries (Powers) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill empowered an enquiring officer or authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents in departmental proceedings under the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1952.

121. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill enabled a Consolidation Officer to seek the advice of non-proprietors and Panchayats in addition to that of landowners while preparing a Scheme for the Consolidation of Holdings in an Estate or Estates under provisions of Section 14 of the principal Act.

122. **The Bengal Chaukidari Act (Punjab Repeal) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill repealed the Bengal Chaukidari Act, 1856.

123. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill provided that no licence was necessary in the case of dealers who dealt only in powerine or diesel oil.

124. **The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill enumerated further grounds on which the Government or the licensing authority could speedily cancel, suspend or revoke the Cinema licence of a licensee.

125. **The Punjab Appropriation** (No. 1) **Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th March, 1955 ; Passed on 14th March, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for 1954-55.

126. **The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill validated deeds attested in good faith by an unauthorised person within the meaning of Section 12 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

127. **The Punjab Appropriation** (No. 2) **Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1955 ; Passed on 29th March, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Legislative Assembly and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year, 1955-56.

**128. The Punjab Occupancy Tenants** (Vesting of **Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1955 ; Passed on 18th April, 1955).

This Bill removed the doubt expressed by revenue courts that the provis' occuring after subsection 5(b)(ii) applied only to subsection 5(b)(ii) by providing that it applied to subsection 5(b)(i) also.

129. **The Punjab Public Service Commission** (**Additional Functions) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1955 ; Passed on 18th April, 1955).

This Bill provided for the recruitment to posts carrying salaries of Rs 150 or above per mensem in the local bodies through the Punjab Public Service Commission.

130. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1955 ; Passed on 18th April, 1955).

This Bill gave an option to all the dealers except the manufacturers, producers and processors to pay sales tax on purchase basis including octroi, insurance, custom duties, handling charges etc.

131. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 19th April, 1955 ; Passed on 22nd April, 1955).

This Bill enabled Government to prevent large-scale ejectment of tenants, control and regulate the ejectment of tenants and to co-ordinate it with their resettlement on surplus areas, to provide a quick and effective procedure for the recovery of rent from defaulting tenants and for the settlement of disputes between landlords and tenants in matters pertaining to the quantum of rent, its payment and other ancillary matters to prevent sales and other dispositions of land adversely affecting the continuance of tenancies area, and to reduce the period entitling a tenant to purchase the land comprised in his tenancy and to provide for easier terms of purchase.

132. **The Dramatic Performances (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 4th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill empowered the Government to delegate, by notification, any of its powers under the Dramatic Performances Act, 1876, to any authority specified in this behalf, and made the offences committed under this Act cognizable, raising the period of punishment from three months to one year.

133. **The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill validated the orders made, proceedings taken and acts done by certain officers exercising the functions of certain Market Committees.

134. **The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill validated the tax imposed without complying with the provisions of Section 62 (10) of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1910, by the Municipal Committee of Ferozepore-Jhirka, district Gurgaon.

135. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill prescribed a penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of Section 121-A of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911.

It increased the limits of the area of land which could be transferred to Municipal Committees in unbuilt areas for public purposes from 20 to 35 per cent and that of land for which no compensation was payable from 10 to 25 per cent.

136. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the grant of a repayable advance of loan to the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly for the purchase of a motor car.

137. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the grant of a repayable advance of loan to the Chairman, Punjab Legislative Council for the purchase of a motor car.

138. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for *ad hoc* rates of special assessment on urban lands or lands diverted from agricultural purposes within the limits of local bodies.

139. **The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1955 ; Passed on 4th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the establishment of a Khadi and Village Industries Board to encourage and intensify the Khadi and village industries in the State in accordance with the recommendations of the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board.

140. **The Motor Vehicles (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for appeal against the orders of the State Transport Commissioner and the Deputy State Transport Commissioner appointed under section 44-A of the Principal Act.

141. **The Punjab Entertainments Duty Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955.)

This Bill prevented the evasion of the payment of entertainment duty by proprietors of entertainment houses who had been evading such payment by taking advantage of the loopholes in the administration of the Punjab Entertainment Duty Act, 1936.

142. **The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill amended clause (n) of subsection (2) of section 58 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, which was in conflict with the provisions of Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution.

143. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation by Government of the surcharge levied on assigned land revenue under the Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954, where the assigned land revenue was subject to the *Kam-o-Besh* rule.

144. **The Punjab District Boards (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill validated the imposition of certain taxes imposed without complying with the provisions of section 31 (6) (a) of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883 by District Boards in the State.

145. **The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 24th August, 1956 ; Passed on 24th August, 1956).

This Bill provided for voluntary donations of land and the settlement of landless workers thereon.

146. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill empowered the Government to fix the term of office of the Chairman of an Improvement Trust subject to a maximum period of 3 years instead of the compulsory period of 3 years as provided in the Principal Act.

147. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill prescribed the circumstances under which exemption from the payment of tax under the Act was to be allowed by Government.

148. **The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill extended the term of office of elected or nominated fellows of the East Punjab University from three to four years.

149. **The Punjab Prohibition of Cow-Slaughter Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 6th April, 1956 ; Passed on 6th April, 1956.)

This Bill imposed a ban on cow-slaughter in the State.

150. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1952 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill made possible the grant of travelling and halting allowances to Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for attending meetings of Committees or Boards appointed by Government as non-official members in their ex-officio capacity as no provision for the purpose existed in the principal Act.

151. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill made possible the grant of travelling and halting allowances to Members of the Punjab Legislative Council for attending meetings of Committees or Boards appointed by Government as non-official members in their ex-officio capacity as no provision for the purpose existed in the principal Act.

152. **The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) (Repeal) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill repealed the Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) Act, 1954.

153. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the supplementary grants made by the Assembly for the expenditure for 1955-56.

154. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 8th March, 1956 ; Passed on 8th March, 1956).

This Bill authorised payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1956.

155. **The Punjab Court of Wards (Repeal) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

This Bill repealed the Punjab Court of Wards Act, 1903.

156. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 6th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for a court fee of Rs 15 on each application or petition or memorndum of appeal under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, or the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

157. **The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

This Bill amended the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, to enable the expeditious execution of Housing Schemes sponsored by Government.

158. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 6th April, 1956).

The Bill devised simple and expeditious means for the recovery of loans advanced under the Housing Scheme.

159. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 24th March, 1956 ; Passed on 28th March, 1956).

The Bill increased the existing rate of passengers tax from 1 pie to 1½ pies per anna value of the fare.

160. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 24th March, 1956 ; Passed on 28th March, 1956).

The Bill doubled the existing rate of sales tax on luxury goods in the State.

161. **The Punjab Revenue, Appeals and Proceedings (Disposal and Restoration) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

The Bill conferred jurisdiction on the Financial Commissioner and the Commissioner, Jullundur Division, for the disposal and restoration of pending revenue appeals and revisions from Amritsar and Gurdaspur districts instituted before partition under various land Acts.

162. **The Punjab Industrial Housing Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for the administration, control, allotment, and upkeep etc., of houses constructed under the Government of India Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme for industrial workers in the State.

163. **The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th March, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

This Bill provided for free treatment to poor mental patients in the State and not only dangerous mental patients as before.

164. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 24th March, 1956 ; Passed on 24th March, 1956).

This Bill authorised payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1957.

165. **The Ambala District Board Tax Validating Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 2nd April, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

This Bill validated the imposition of professional tax imposed by the District Board, Ambala, with effect from the 15th May, 1953.

166. **The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd April, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

This Bill validated the tax at enhanced rates imposed by the Municipal Committee, Rohtak, on buildings and lands situated within its jurisdiction, and the Cycle Tax imposed by the Municipal Committee, Shahabad.

167. **The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 4th April, 1956 ; Passed on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill amended the East Punjab University Act, 1947, in pursuance of the recommendations of the University Education Commission and the Central Advisory Board of Education.

168. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 6th April, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

The Bill enabled Government to demarcate single village Gram Panchayat areas with populations of less than 500 in suitable cases.

It enabled the Panchayats to utilise the Gram Fund for meeting the charges on elections and other suitable purposes which the Government may prescribe by Rules.

Further it made section 109(1) of the principal Act, which prescribed penalty for tampering with the properties of the Gram Panchayat without the sanction of the Panchayat or other lawful authority, applicable to land vested in a Gram Panchayat.

169. **The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 6th April, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for the levy of a Professional Tax on higher income groups in the State.

170. **The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply) Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 5th September, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill prescribed the general principle for exemption from the payment of fee for street lighting etc., in the case of purchasers of houses in new Townships

171. **The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 20th August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill provided for the reservation of appointments and posts under the District Boards for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and recognised Backward Classes.

172. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 20th August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill provided for the reservation of appointments and posts under the Municipal Committees for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and recognised Backward Classes.

173. **The East Punjab Utilization of Land (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 21st August, 1956 ; Passed on 4th September, 1956).

This Bill did away with the necessity of having to issue notice to a landowner the possession of whose land was intended to be taken over where the entry in the revenue records showed the landowner as cultivating his own land, when in fact the land had remained uncultivated for the last 6 or more harvests. It vested powers in the Commissioner to send for records *suo motu* or on application made to him and to amend, modify or cancel the order made by the Collector.

174. **The Punjab Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Received back from the Council with amendments). (Introduced on 21st August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956 ).

The Bill amended the principal Act, so as to improve the working of the Punjab Medical Council and to bring it in conformity with the changed conditions in the State.

175. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 21st August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September 1956).

This Bill exempted the Deputy Ministers appointed in the State from being disqualified for being Members of the Punjab State Legislature.

176. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 3rd September 1956.

This Bill vested powers in the Speaker to frame rules under the principal Act, enabled the Members of Joint Committees of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Punjab Legislative Council to draw travelling and halting allowances for attending meetings of such Committees, and to draw travelling and halting allowances for journeys undertaken under the orders of the Speaker.

It also enabled Members to draw halting allowance for attending meetings of the Assembly.

177. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 3rd September, 1956).

This Bill vested powers in the Chairman to frame rules under the principal Act, enabled the Members of Joint Committees of the Punjab Legislative Council and the Punjab Legislative Assembly to draw travelling and halting allowances for attending meetings of such Committees, and to draw travelling and halting allowances for journeys undertaken under the orders of the Chairman.

It also enabled Members to draw halting allowance for attending meetings of the Council.

178. **The Land Acquisition (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 22nd August, 1956 : Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill enabled Government to take immediate possession of land required for public purposes of urgent importance.

179. **The Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill empowered the Government to grant loans to traders of Scheduled Areas of Lahaul and Spiti who suffered business losses on account of severe snowfalls in October, 1955.

180. **The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment)Bill, 1956**.—(Introduced on 22nd August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956)

This Bill empowered the Reclamation Officer or the Probation Officer, under whose authority a prisoner is released on probation, to order his arrest and detention.

181. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd August, 1956; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill provided that if repartition of a village is revised or cancelled the right holders shall not revert to their previous holdings but shall remain in possession of the land allotted to them until the second repartition is carried out by the Consolidation Officer.

182. **The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 3rd September, 1956).

This Bill determined the salaries and allowances etc. admissible to Deputy Ministers in the State.

183. **The Prisons (Punjab Amendment ) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 27th August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956).

This Bill regularised the retention of certain punishments in the Jail Rules.

184. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956.**——Introduced on 28th August, 1956 ; Passed on 28th August, 1956).—

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the money required to meet the expenditure on account of excesses over grants and appropriation for the year ended 31st March, 1952.

185. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th August, 1956 ; Passed on 28th August, 1956).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the financial year 1956-57.

186. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th August, 1956; Passed on 4th October, 1956).

This Bill enforced the provisions of the principal Act in three assessment circles of Tarn Taran (Urban), Amritsar (Urban) and Amritsar (Suburban) of District Amritsar, previously exempted from the levy of surcharge on land revenue.

187. **The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th August, 1956 ; Passed on 4th September, 1956).

This Bill prohibited the ejection of tenants of urban-non-residential buildings in the State on grounds of personal use and provided for revision by the High Court of the orders of the Appellate Authority.

188. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd September, 1956; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill extended relief to all classes of owners in the matter of annual tax on buildings and lands situated in the rating areas and provided for the recovery of the tax left unpaid by an assessee in respect of the property owned by him on the day of its transfer to another person.

189. **The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 4th September, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill imposed certain restrictions on publication in the press of certain matters prejudicial to the maintenance of communal harmony and prescribed penalty for the contravention of its provisions.

190. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956 ; Passed on 4th October, 1956).

This Bill declared that membership by a member of the Legislature of the Employees State Insurance Corporation, the Standing Committee and the Medical Benefit Council constituted under the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948, would not disqualify him from being a Member of the Legislature, nor would any disqualification be incurred if a Member were to join the Auxiliary Air Force or the Air Defence Reserve.

191. **The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956).

This Bill defined " Shamilat " not previously defined in the principal Act, dealt with the rights in the Shamilats of certain classes of persons and enabled panchayats to secure physical possession of those portions of the Shamilats that were in unauthorised occupation.

192. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956 ; Passed on 4th October, 1956).

This Bill provided for the grant of residential accommodation to Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly at concessional rates etc.

193. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956; Passed on 4th October, 1956). This Bill provided for the grant of residential accommodation to Members of the Punjab Legislative Council at concessional rates etc.

194. **The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1956.**—(Intorduced on 5th October, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956).

This Bill abolished whipping as a mode of punishment.

195. **The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill clarified the term " Financial Year " for the purpose of levying t he tax.

196. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 1) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March 1957).

This Bill extended some of the laws in force in the erstwhile State of Punjab to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu and repealed the corresponding laws of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

197. **The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957 ; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill provided for the validation of certain schemes for consolidation of holdings and subsequent proceedings in relation thereto taken during the period between the 31st December, 1951 and the 1st of January, 1956. It also provided for the extinguishment and modification of rights in estates, included in such schemes, without payment of compensation.

198. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from the and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab, of sums required to meet demands that were likely to arise during the first three months of the financial year 1957-58 ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1957.

199. **The Punjab General Sales Tax (Extension) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948 to the territory of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

200. **The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957 ; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill provided that the person holding office of the Vice Chancellor immediately before the commencement of the East Punjab University (Amendment) Act, 1956 (Act No. 9 of 1956), shall continue to hold office for such period up to 31st July, 1957, as the Chancellor may by order determine.

# APPENDIX III

**Synopsis of Bills which originated in the Council and were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.**

1. **The Punjab Silkworm Seed Control Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 25th February, 1953 ; Passed by the Assembly on 17th April, 1953).

This Bill ensured the utilization of disease-free silkworm seeds by licensing their manufacture, sale and distribution which would assist in the improvement of quality and quantity of indigenous raw silk.

2. **The Punjab Small Towns (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 7th March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 17th April, 1953).

This Bill provided for the disposal of assets and liabilities of a municipal committee converted into a town committee, for the levy of fees on licences for selling or importing for sale, milk and butter etc., for the recovery of taxes etc., due to town committees as arrears of land revenue, and for enforcing liability of members of town committees for the loss, waste or misapplication of monies and properties of the town committees, when such loss etc., is a direct consequence of neglect or misconduct of the members.

3. **The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 18th April, 1953).

This Bill provided that in the future set-up of district boards there were to be no appointed members or appointed chairmen; for the association of a prescribed number of officials to advise district boards in the discharge of their duties, but without a right to vote, for the Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner being able to suspend any resolution or an order of district board that is contrary to the interest of the public or of the board itself, for the extension of specified provisions of the Punjab Municipal Act to district board areas so as to regulate planning and development in rural areas adjoining municipalities, for the delegation of powers to the chairman, and vice-chairman or to any officer of the board or of the State Government etc., etc.

4. **The East Punjab Conservation of Manure (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 7th March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill empowered the State Government to take speedier action for acquisition of land.

5 **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 11th March, 1953 ; Passed by the Assembly on 20th March, 1953).

This Bill removed practical difficulties experienced in connection with the grant of registration of certificates under Section 9 (1) of the principal Act to owners plying their motor vehicles in district other than the district or State, in which the Motor Vehicles had been registered under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

6. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation ) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 11th March, 1953 ; Passed by the Assembly on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill empowered the Settlement Officer (Consolidation) to confirm or refuse to confirm a draft Consolidation Scheme published under subsections (1)and (2) of Section 19 of the Principal Act, after taking into consideration the objections to the Scheme and the remarks of the Consolidation Officer thereon, and in case of refusal to confirm to return it for reconsideration.

It removed the ambiguity about the powers of various officers and the extent to which the powers were to be exercised in connection with the revocation and variation of the consolidation schemes under the Act.

It enabled Government to determine the legality or propriety of certain classes of orders passed under the principal Act.

7. **The Evacuee Interest (Separation) Supplementary Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 2nd April, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill validated, with effect from the 15th December, 1952, certain provisions of the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Act, 1951, in their application to the State of Punjab relating to matters enumerated in list II in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

8. **The Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reform) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 21st March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly 18th April, 1953).

This Bill sought to make certain amendments in the principal Act which were considered necessary and desirable.)

9. **The Punjab Security of the State Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 2nd April, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 10th April, 1953).

This Bill vested the Government with powers to ensure the security of the State and maintenance of public order.

10. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1954; Passed by the Assembly on 30th March, 1954).

In the larger interest of the country, it was considered undesirable to deem enrolment in the National Cadet Corps as amounting to holding an office of profit. This Bill exempted persons enrolled in the National Cadet Corps from being disqualified for being Members of the Punjab State Legislature.

11. **The Punjab Security of the State (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1954; Passed by the Assembly on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill provided for punishment for the breach of the provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of the principal Act.

12. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1954; Passed by the Assembly on 30th March, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to remove any member of the Gurdwara Judicial Commission, if he had served as its member for more than one year.

13. **The Kuruksetra University Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for the establishment of a residential University at Kuruksetra for the encouragement of higher education and research especially in Sanskrit, Prakrit and modern Indian Languages as also in Indian Philosophy, Ancient Indian History and other aspects of Indology.

14. **The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill validated deeds attested in good faith by an officer, not having the necessary authority under sections 6 and 7 (2) of the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

15. **The Punjab Debtors' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill amended the Punjab Debtors' Protection Act, 1936, in view of articles 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution.

16. **The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 20th August, 1956).

This Bill controlled the indiscriminate use of instruments such as loud-speakers, microphones and amplifiers beyond limited precincts between the hours of ten in the night and six in the morning.

17. **The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 5th April, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 20th August, 1956).

This Bill made the provisions relating to suppression of illicit distillation of liquor or other intoxicants more stringent.

18. **The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 11th April, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 21st August, 1956).

This Bill prohibited the prodution and sale of inferior qualities of vegetable and flower seeds.

## APPENDIX IV

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Separation of Judiciary from the Executive | In view of the fact that in all advanced and progressive countries, an independent judiciary is considered an absolute necessity for the peace and progress of the Country, this Assembly recommends to the Government to take early steps to separate the Judiciary from the Executive. | 3rd July, 1952 .. | Withdrawn |
| 2 | Heavy expenditure in Government Departments .. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that a Committee consisting of Members of this House be appointed to examine the causes of heavy expenditure in the majority of Government Departments and to suggest ways and means of reducing the same to a reasonable extent | 17th July, 1952 | .. Lost |
| 3 | Introduction of Compulsory Primary education and opening of more schools in Kangra District | As the District of Kangra was made the centre of military recruitment, it was kept educationally backward by the British Government for their selfish ends; therefore, this Assembly recommends to the Government that compulsory primary education for boys and girls should be introduced in this district and further maximum educational facilities by opening a very large number of schools for ordinary and higher education for boys and g[illegible] in this district be given | Ditto .. | Withdrawn |

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| 4 | Arrangements for free supply of canal water for drinking purposes in Fazilka Tehsil | This Assembly recommends to the Government that in the sandy areas of the Fazilka Tehsil where due to the water of wells being brackish, in most of the villages, no arrangements for water fit for human consumption exist, arrangements be made for the free supply of canal water to the village diggies and tanks for the consumption of human beings and animals | Ditto .. | Do |
| 5 | Nationalisation of Transport Services in the State | This Assembly recommends to the Government that the Transport Services in the State used for travelling by the public be immediately nationalised | 24th July, 1952 .. | Do |
| 6 | Reduction in Water Rates in the State to prepartition level | This Assembly recommends to the Government that water rates in the State be reduced to the pre-partition level | 23rd October, 1952 | Lost |
| 7 | Abolition of Upper House .. | This House is of the opinion that the Upper House of this State Legislature serves no useful purpose and is only a financial burden on the people of this State. It, therefore, resolves that it should be abolished | 27th November, 1952 | Do |
| 8 | Adoption of short-term plans to reduce unemployment | This Assembly recommends to the Government that in view of the day-to-day increase in unemployment, the Government should take measures to reduce it speedily by adopting short-term plans | Ditto .. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned |
| 9 | Remission of land revenue to land-owners holding two standard acres or less area of land | This Assembly recommends to the Government that no land revenue be realised from land-owners in the State holding two standard acres of land or less area of land | 12th March, 1953 | Lost |
| 10 | Abolition of the Punjab Legislative Council | This Assembly resolves that the Punjab Legislative Council be abolished forthwith | 1st October, 1953 | Do |

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11 | Appointment of a Judicial Reforms Committee | This Assembly recommends to the Government to appoint a Judicial Reforms Committee consisting of a High Court Judge as its Chairman along with eminent Advocates, Judges, Magistrates and Members of the Legislature as its Members:—<br>(i) to examine as a whole the working of system of the administration of Justice in this State with particular reference to :—<br>(a) the causes accounting for delay in the disposal of cases and other proceedings ;<br>(b) the rules of procedure and other factors which encourage unnecessary litigation and involve the parties in heavy expense ;<br>(c) the organization of courts ;<br>(ii) to report—<br>(a) what reforms are desirable in the present system of administration of justice so as to evolve a system which will secure to the people of this State real justice expeditiously at less expense and without unnecessary litigation ; | 1st October, 1953 | Withdrawn |

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| | | (b) what changes are required in :<br><br>(i) the law of evidence ;<br>(ii) the law of procedure, civil and criminal ;<br>(iii) the law of limitation ; and<br>(iv) the procedure, generally, and in the rights of appeal, etc., so as to simplify the processes of law and bring justice within the reach of the common man ;<br><br>(c) whether the system of trial with the aid of assessors should be further extended, limited or eliminated; and if so, in what class or classes of cases ;<br><br>(d) what steps should be taken to effectively enforce the sanctity of oath in law courts ; and<br><br>(e) what should be the general set up, powers and functions of the courts, original and appellate and powers of the presiding officers, so as to secure the objects stated in Clause (a). | | |
| 12 | Distribution of all Government waste-land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers *gratis*. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers *gratis*. | 1st April 1954 .. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |
| 13 | Amendment to the East Punjab University (Amendment), Act, 1948. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that the East Punjab University (Amendment) Act, 1948, be further amended so as to extend to Shashtris the right to vote at elections to the Punjab University Senate. | 20th May, 1954.. | Withdrawn. |

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14 | Appointment of Police Re-organisation Committee. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that it should appoint a Police Reorganisation Committee to examine in regard to the Police the present system of recruitment and training, the methods of investigation and prosecution and to suggest measures in the light of changed circumstances by which crime may be promptly dealt with and the evil doer brought to book. | 20th May, 1954.. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |
| 15 | Distribution of all Government Culturable waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers and landless peasants *gratis*. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural labourers and landless peasants *gratis*. | 4th November, 1954. | Lost. |
| 16 | Framing of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business for the Legislative Assembly afresh by the House. | This House resolves that the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly be framed afresh by this House. | Ditto | The House adjourned while the point of order regarding its admissibility was being discussed. |

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| 17 | Development of Kangra District. | In view of the extreme backwardness of the people of Kangra District, tahsil Una of Hoshiarpur District, Bhiwani Tehsil of Hissar District, Naraingarh Tehsil and other sub-mountainous and backward parts of Ambala District, Jhajjar Tehsil of Rohtak District, Rewari Tehsil and undeveloped parts of Gurgaon District, Kaithal Tehsil of Karnal District, Bet Area in Thana Kanuan, tehsil and district Gurdaspur and Shahpur Kandi, Gurdaspur District, in matters of education, of the lack of adequate drinking water facilities and of suitable means of transport and communications, of proper means of irrigation, of lack of any kind of industry and of their inadequate representation in Government services, this Assembly recommends to the Government that it should itself make funds available, and if necessary approach the Union Government for the purpose, for a proper and planned development of the said areas and it further recommends, that special concessions be granted to the people of these areas in the matters of admissions to all Government or Government-aided institutions and of appointments to services. | 3rd March, 1955. | Carried. |
| 18 | Technical Training in post-primary schools. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to make provision for technical training for different vocations in the Higher Secondary stage of all Secondary Schools in the State. | 24th March, 1955. | Do |
| 19 | Land-owners paying land revenue up to Rs 5. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to exempt such land-owners in the State from the payment of land revenue as are paying five rupees or less than five rupees as land revenue. | Ditto | Do |

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20 | Cow breeding area in district Gurgaon. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that with a view to improving the breed of cows the Mewat Area in Gurgaon District be declared as a cow breeding area and that it should provide monetary aid, establish Dairy Farms and Gosadans in that area and award prizes to those who breed best cows. | 29th March, 1956. | Lost. |
| 21 | Distribution of Government waste land among Harijan agriculturists and landless peasants. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan agriculturists and landless peasants. | 5th April, 1956. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |
| 22 | Conferring of proprietary rights on occupancy tenants. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps to confer proprietary rights on occupancy tenants of evacuee lands who have been granted permanent occupancy rights in respect of such lands in the manner provided in the Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Act of 1955 in respect of other lands. | 23rd August, 1956. | Carried. |

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| 23 | Raising of Government loans through Government Servants. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to put a stop to the method of raising Government Loans and Subscriptions through Government Servants. | 23rd August, 1956. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |

## APPENDIX V

**Official Resolutions discussed in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the years 1952—57**

| Serial No. | Subject of official Resolution | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | (a) Withdrawal of modification made in the draft rules framed under Section 7 of the Cotton Transport Act, 1923.<br>(b) Approval of revised list of Railway Stations contained in Schedule II of Section 3 of the Cotton Transport Act, 1923. | 6th October, 1953. |
| 2 | Ratification by the Assembly of the amendment of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India proposed to be made by the Constitution (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.<br>(Re. item 33 of List 3—Concurrent List of Seventh Schedule.) | 2nd November, 1954. |
| 3 | Formation of the Punjab Parliamentary Group of the Punjab State Legislature with such aims and objects as the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council in consultation with the Chief Minister may determine. | 2nd April, 1954. |
| 4 | Adoption by the State of Punjab, of the Prize Competition Act, 1955, as passed by the Parliament. | 11th April, 1956. |
| 5 | Ratification by the Assembly of the amendments of the Seventh Schedule, Article 269 and Article 286 of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.<br>(Re. Inter-State Sales Tax.) | 21st August, 1956. |
| 6 | Ratification by the Assembly of the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.<br>(Consequent upon the passage of the States Reorganisation Bill, 1956.) | 3rd October, 1956. |
| 7 | Recommendation for increase in the strength of the Punjab Legislative Council. | 21st March, 1957. |

*Copy of letter No. 7085-B-55/11700, dated the 2nd January, 1956 from Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department to all Heads of Departments, etc., in connection with the procedure for dealing with the Reports of the Public Accounts Committee.*

In supersession of the orders contained in Punjab Government letter No. 6670-B-53/7464, dated the 17th September, 1953, on the subject noted above, the following procedure has been laid down for dealing with the reports of the Public Accounts Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, on the Appropriation Accounts of the State Government :—

(a) After the report is presented to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, copies of the Report will be forwarded by the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, to the Finance Department and not directly to the Administrative Secretaries.

(b) Finance Department will initiate action on the Report and ask the Heads of Departments to consider the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee, a copy of the letter being endorsed to the Administrative Secretary concerned simultaneously. General recommendations will be dealt with in the Finance Department Branches and orders issued by them.

(c) Heads of Departments shall furnish their comments on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee to the Administrative Secretary concerned, on receipt of the Report of the Committee.

(d) The Administrative Department will take orders of the Minister concerned and forward their views to the Finance Department.

(e) The Finance Department will offer their comments on the various points raised in the recommendations/ observations of the Public Accounts Committee keeping in view the recommendations of the Administrative Department.

(f) The Administrative Department will then take the case to the Council of Ministers incorporating in the memorandum for the Council the views of the Finance Department. After a decision is taken in the Cabinet, necessary draft reply will be submitted by the Administrative Department for issue to the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, through the Finance Department, a copy being simultaneously endorsed to the Accountant-General, Punjab.

(g) Where the Administrative Department propose to accept the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee involving no financial implication, the case may be shown to the Minister concerned only and need not be referred to the Finance Department or to the Council of Ministers. A draft reply containing the final decision taken should, however, be sent by the Administrative Department to the Finance Department for issue through them to the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, and the Accountant-General, Punjab.

(h) Cases involving disciplinary action and financial and other irregularities should be placed before the Council of Ministers under the orders of the Minister concerned even though the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee is proposed to be accepted.

(i) The Secretary , Public Accounts Committee, will prepare a statement showing the action taken on the report of the Committee and lay it before the Public Accounts Committee. Further comments of the Public Accounts Committee, if any, will be communicated to the Finance Department for necessary action.

(j) Any comments which the Accountant-General, Punjab, may have to make on the action taken will be communicated to the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, a copy being simultaneously endorsed to the Finance Department for their information.

(k) The Finance Department will maintain a list of outstanding recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and periodically remind the Department concerned. A quarterly report will be furnished to the Finance Department by the Heads of Departments / Administrative Secretaries about the implementation of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and the Finance Department will intimate quarterly to the Committee the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations/ observations of the Committee. Every effort should be made to expedite the action on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and this work should be treated, as a general rule, on 'top-priority' basis.

2. I am to request that this procedure should be brought to the notice concerned for being followed hereafter.

*Copy of letter No. 5657-B-56/38, dated the 3rd January, 1957, from the Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department, to all Heads of Departments, etc., in connection with the procedure for dealing with the reports of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates.*

IN supersession of the orders contained in Punjab Government' Finance Department letter No. 1851-B-55/3482, dated the 26th April, 1955, on the subject noted above, I am directed to state that the following procedure has been laid down for dealing with the reports of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates:—

(a) After the Report is presented to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, copies of the Report will be forwarded by the Secretary, Estimates Committee to the Finance Department and not directly to the Administrative Secretaries.

(b) Finance Department will initiate action on the Report and ask the Heads of Departments to consider the recommendations of the Estimates Committee, a copy of the communication being endorsed to the Administrative Secretary concerned simultaneously. General recommendations will be dealt with in the Finance Department Branches and orders issued by them.

(c) Heads of Departments shall furnish their comments on the recommendations of the Estimates Committee to the Administrative Secretaries concerned on receipt of the report of the Committee.

(d) The Administrative Department will take the orders of the Minister concerned and forward their views to the Finance Department.

(e) The Finance Department will offer their comments on the various points raised in the report of the Estimates Committee, keeping in view the recommendations of the Administrative Department.

(f) The Administrative Department will then take the case to the Council of Ministers incorporating in the memorandum for the Cabinet the views of the Finance Department. After a decision is taken in the Cabinet, a suitable reply will be sent by the Administrative Department to the Secretary, Estimates Committee, copy being endorsed to the Finance Department.

(g) Where the Administrative Department proposes to accept the recommendations of the Estimates Committee involving no financial implication, the case may be shown to the Minister concerned only and need not be referred to the Finance Department or to the Council of Ministers. A suitable reply containing the final decision taken will, however, be sent by the Administrative Department to the Secretary, Estimates Committee with a copy to the Finance Department.

(h) The Secretary, Estimates Committee will prepare a statement showing the action taken on the report of the Committee and lay it before the Estimates Committee. Further comments of the Estimates Committee, if any, will be communicated to the Finance Department, for necessary action.

(i) The Finance Department will maintain a list of outstanding recommendations of the Estimates Committee and periodically remind the Departments concerned. A qurterly report (in triplicate) as per *pro forma* attached, will be furnished by the Heads of Departments/Administrative Secretaries so as to reach the Finance Department by the 15th April, 15th July, 15th October, and 15th January and the Finance Department will intimate quarterly to the Committee the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations/observations of the Committee.

(j) Every effort should be made to expedite the action on the recommendations of the Estimates Committee and this work should be treated, as a general rule, on " top priority " basis.

*Pro forma* **as referred to in the procedure,—*vide* item (I)**

*Report of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates for the year* ——————

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Serial No. | Head of Account and the name of Department to which the recommendation relates | Reference to page/para of the report | Recommendation/ observation made by the Estimates Committee | Action taken/ proposed to be taken | Reasons for delay | Date when the final decision is likely to be taken |
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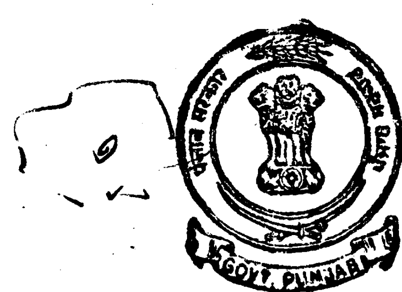
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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 1957 to 1962 and include the information which has already been given in the Resumes published by this Secretariat.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Vidhan Sabha as it does within the compass of a single volume would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH :
23rd February, 1962

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
SECRETARY.

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## THE ASSEMBLY : ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The Second Punjab Vidhan Sabha which met for the first time on the 24th April, 1957, consisted of 154 members elected by 88 single-member and 33 double-member constituencies. During its term three by-elections were held to fill seats rendered vacant by the death of Sardar Wazir Singh, resignation of Raja Surendra Singh and the election of Shri Ram Dayal Vaid having been held void.

Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Speaker from 1954—57 remained the Speaker up to the 23rd April, 1957 under the operation of the proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution. The Governor appointed him to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker under Article 180(1) of the Constitution with effect from April 24, 1957. He was, however, elected as Speaker by the Vidhan Sabha on April 25, 1957. On the same day Chaudhri Sarup Singh, another Member of the Vidhan Sabha was elected as Deputy Speaker.

Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon and Chaudhri Sarup Singh continued as Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, of the Second Vidhan Sabha during its full term.

Sardar Partap Singh Kairon who was the Leader of the first Vidhan Sabha when it was dissolved continued as the Leader of the Second Vidhan Sabha for its entire term.

All Members before taking their seat in the Vidhan Sabha took the oath of their office. They belonged to the following parties :—

1. Congress.
2. Panthic Group.
3. Jan Sangh Group.
4. Communist Group.
5. Swatantra Group.
6. Independents.
7. Praja Socialist.

The Congress Party formed the Government and there was no recognised opposition party till February 11, 1958, when the Independents and Socialists Front Party was recognised as such with one of its Members

as the Leader. This, however, ceased to exist with effect from March 25, 1960.

The strength of the parties/groups mentioned above as on March, 28, 1961, as intimated to the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat was as follows :

| | *Name of Party* | | *Membership* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Congress | .. | 120 |
| 2. | Panthic Group | .. | 9 |
| 3. | Jan Sangh Group | .. | 7 |
| 4. | Communist Group | .. | 6 |
| 5. | Swatantra Group | .. | 4 |
| 6. | Independents | .. | 6 |
| 7. | Praja Socialist | .. | 2 |

From the 24th of April, 1957 when it met for the first time the Vidhan Sabha held in all 215 sittings spread over 12 Sessions as follows :—

| Year | | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | Third Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 26 | 6 | .. | 32 |
| 1958 | .. | 35 | 12 | 3 | 50 |
| 1959 | .. | 29 | 4 | 8 | 41 |
| 1960 | .. | 38 | 17 | .. | 55 |
| 1961 | .. | 28 | 9 | .. | 37 |
| | .. | | | | 215 |

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the hall of the Junior Secondary School in Sector 10, except 18 from March 6, 1961 to March 30, 1961, which were held in the Assembly Chamber in Sector 1.

# GOVERNOR'S ADDRESSES

There were five addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Vidhan Sabha and Members of the Punjab Legislative Council assembled together beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in April, 1957. Each of these addresses was discussed on motions of thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below :—

| *Year* | | *Period* | *Amendments* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 3 Days | 18 |
| 1958 | .. | 5 ,, | 33 |
| 1959 | .. | 4 ,, | 17 |
| 1960 | .. | 4 ,, | 18 |
| 1961 | .. | 4 ,, | 14 |

The amendments were moved both by Members of the Congress Party and the Opposition Party/Groups, and these were either withdrawn or lost. Each motion of thanks was carried.

# LEGISLATION

## I.—OFFICIAL

The Second Vidhan Sabha passed 186 Bills, 166 originating in the Vidhan Sabha itself and 20 in the Punjab Legislative Council, the yearwise break up being as follows :—

| *Year* | | *No. of Bills* |
|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 43 |
| 1958 | .. | 33 |
| 1959 | .. | 43 |
| 1960 | .. | 40 |
| 1961 | .. | 27 |

The number of new Bills was 59, of amending Bills 108 and of Appropriation Bills 19.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. Their titles and a brief synopsis of each may be seen in Appendix I. The Bills received from the Punjab Legislative Council are mentioned in Appendix II.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriations of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of Supplementaries or by way of regularization of excesses over grants, the respective figures being 6, 33, 26, 53, 580 ; 52, 29, 91, 220 and 5, 18, 63, 663.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills barring Appropriation Bills, was approximately 1,396 (846 from the Opposition and 550 from the Congress Party).

Two official Bills, namely, the Punjab Municipal Bill, 1960 and the Punjab Laws Extension (No. 11) Bill, 1961 were pending before the Vidhan Sabha at the time of its dissolution. The latter after being passed by the Vidhan Sabha had been transmitted to the Legislative Council from where it had been received back with an amendment but this amendment could not be considered by the Vidhan Sabha for want of time.

## II—NON-OFFICIAL

Three Non-Official Bills, namely :—

1. The Punjab Pre-emption (Amenpment) Bill, 1958,
2. The Punjab Pre-emption (Amendment) Bill, 1960, and
3. The Punjab Agricultural Labourers (Siris) Bill, 1960.

were introduced in the Vidhan Sabha on 28th February, 1958, 3rd March, 1960 and 24th March, 1960, respectively, but could not be discussed.

## QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) (a) | Total number of notices of Starred Questions received .. | 11,592 |
| (b) | Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted .. | 7,665 |
| (c) | Total number of Starred Questions answered orally .. | 4,332 |
| (d) | Total number of Supplementary Questions to Starred Questions .. | 12,071 |
| (e) | Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 | 1,248 |
| (ii) (a) | Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received .. | 5,403 |
| (b) | Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted .. | 3,784 |
| (c) | Total number of Unstarred Questions answered .. | 3,645 |
| (iii) (a) | Total number of Short Notice Questions received | 220 |
| (b) | Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted | 60 |
| (c) | Total number of Short Notice Questions answered | 20 |

The yearwise distribution of Questions may be seen in the following table :—

TABLE

| Year | | Number of Starred Questions given notice of | Number of Starred Questions admitted | Number of Starred Questions answered | Number of Supplementary Questions | Number of Questions deemed to have been answered | Number of Un-starred Questions given notice of | Number of Un-starred Questions admitted | Number of Un-starred Questions answered | Number of Short Notice Questions given notice of | Number of Short Notice Questions admitted | Number of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 1,551 | 1,195 | 689 | 1,448 | 158 | 782 | 560 | 515 | 121 | 16 | 6 |
| 1958 | .. | 3,068 | 2,053 | 961 | 3,061 | 604 | 1,118 | 797 | 765 | 28 | 4 | 2 |
| 1959 | .. | 2,822 | 1,783 | 961 | 2,540 | 294 | 1,101 | 744 | 715 | 19 | 13 | 7 |
| 1960 | .. | 2,630 | 1,712 | 1,180 | 3,322 | 97 | 1,509 | 1,047 | 1,037 | 34 | 18 | 6 |
| 1961 | .. | 1,521 | 922 | 541 | 1,700 | 95 | 893 | 636 | 613 | 18 | 9 | 4 |
| Total | .. | 11,592 | 7,665 | 4,332 | 12,071 | 1,248 | 5,403 | 3,784 | 3,645 | 220 | 60 | 25 |

# RESOLUTIONS

## I—OFFICIAL

Five official resolutions were discussed during the years 1957—62, the subject matter of each and the date of its discussion are given below :—

| | Subject | Date on which carried. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Formation of a Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of the Punjab Legislature. | 18th February, 1958. |
| 2. | Empowering the Parliament to amend the Estate Duty Act, 1953 for regulating matters in the State of Punjab in respect of agricultural land. | 6th April, 1959. |
| 3. | Ratification by the Vidhan Sabha of the amendment to Article 334 of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 1959, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. | 18th December, 1959. |
| 4. | Empowering the Parliament to re-enact the Pensions Act, 1871, for regulating certain matters in the State of Punjab. | 18th December, 1959. |
| 5. | Adoption of the Resolution regarding the Draft of the Acquired Territories (Merger) Bill, 1960, in so far as it related to the State of Punjab. | 10th November, 1960. |

## II—NON-OFFICIAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received | .. | 1,087 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted | .. | 916 |
| Total number of Resolutions discussed | .. | 30 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | .. | 4 |
| Total number of Resolutions withdrawn | .. | 10 |
| Total number of Resolutions lost | .. | 9 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision was taken but which lapsed | .. | 7 |

The yearwise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as follows :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 150 |
| 1958 | .. | 300 |
| 1959 | .. | 226 |
| 1960 | .. | 202 |
| 1961 | .. | 209 |

The number of Resolutions discussed was six in 1957, eight in 1958, again eight in 1959, four in 1960 and again four in 1961. These Resolutions were discussed on 28 days during this period in the following manner :—

| | | *Days* |
|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 4 |
| 1958 | .. | 7 |
| 1959 | .. | 6 |
| 1960 | .. | 6 |
| 1961 | .. | 5 |

The subject matter of each Resolution which was discussed as well as information about what happened to it are given in Appendix III with appropriate remarks.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of adjournment motions received during this period was 265, 52 in 1957, 68 in 1958, 54 in 1959, 50 in 1960 and 41 in 1961. The number of those which were held in order/not disallowed by the Speaker was 10. Out of these, necessary leave in respect of three was not granted by the House. Leave in respect of three which related to the flood situation in different districts of the State in 1960 was granted by the House and these were discussed together on the 24th October, 1960. In regard to the other 4 which also were concerned with the flood situation in 1961, the Minister for Irrigation and Power made a statement in the House on the 25th September, 1961, and a discussion was held on the following day. The rest of the notices of the adjournment motions were either held out of order or not considered for one reason or another.

## NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

On the 17th December, 1959 notice of a no-confidence motion against the Chief Minister was received from three Members of an Opposition group which was held out of order by the Speaker.

## CALLING ATTENTION UNDER RULE 73

Attention of the Government was called to as many as four matters mentioned below on the dates noted against each.

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) Regarding police firing in a village in tehsil Ludhiana. | 6th March, 1959. |
| (ii) Regarding Members of Parliament not being allowed to enter a village in Ludhiana District. | 10th March, 1959. |
| (iii) Regarding deterioration in law and order situation due to communal tension. | 18th October, 1960. |
| (iv) Regarding alarming rise in the population of the State. | 28th March, 1961. |

In respect of the first three matters statements were made by the Chief Minister on the 10th March, 1959, 11th March, 1959 and the 24th October, 1960 respectively and in respect of the fourth a statement was made by the Industries Minister on the 29th March, 1961.

## HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION

Half-an-hour discussion under Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business was held on 22nd December, 1959, on matters arising out of the reply to a starred question about the National Small Savings Loan.

## DISCUSSION OF MOTIONS UNDER RULE 84

Two motions given notice of under Rule 84 were admitted : one relating to the "alarming law and order situation in the State as revealed in the judgment of the various Courts in the case known as the Karnal Triple Murder Case" which was discussed in the Morning Sitting on the 22nd November, 1960, and the other relating to the "situation arising out of the demand for Punjabi Suba in the State" which was discussed as desired by the House on the 21st September, 1961 when a non-official resolution on, more or less, the same subject was appointed for discussion, the period of the sitting being extended by two hours.

## DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Discussion on special subjects took place as shown below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Regarding repeal of the order of the Governor relating to the additions to Schedules 'A' and 'B' referred to in regulations 3 (b) and 5(f), respectively, of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1955, namely :<br><br>SCHEDULE A<br><br>(15) Fire officers in the Civil (Home) Defence Department.<br>(16) Assistant Registrar of the Medical College, Amritsar.<br>(18) Technical Organiser in the Industries Department. Officer-in-charge, National Discipline Scheme in the Education Department.<br><br>SCHEDULE B<br><br>(7) Consolidation Officers in the Consolidation of Holdings Department, Punjab, appointed up to the 31st March, 1956, and thereafter. | 8th April, 1958. (Evening Sitting) |
| 2 | Regarding disapproval of the Punjab Co-operative Sugar Mills (Tenures of Boards) Ordinance, 1958, under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 12th September, 1958. |
| 3 | Regarding disapproval of the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Ordinance, 1958 under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 12th September, 1958. |
| 4 | Regarding disapproval of the Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting and Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1958 under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 12th September, 1958. |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | Regarding disapproval of the Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Ordinance, 1958, under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 12th September, 1958. |
| 6 | Regarding disapproval of the Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Ordinance, 1958 under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 15th September, 1958. |
| 7 | Discussion on the food situation in the State. .. | 23rd December, 1958. |
| 8 | Regarding disapproval of the Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959, under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 20th March, 1959. (Morning Sitting) |
| 9 | Regarding disapproval of the Electricity (Supply) (Punjab Amendment) Ordinance, 1959 under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 20th March, 1959. (Morning and Afternoon Sittings) |
| 10 | Repeal of an order of the Governor relating to the addition to Schedule 'A' referred to in regulation 3(b) of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Function) Regulations 1955, namely :<br>"21. All posts of Block Development Officers, created or to be created in the National Extension Service Blocks, in the Lahaul and Spiti Area". | 22nd December, 1959, 23rd December, 1959. |
| 11 | Repeal of the order of the Governor relating to the addition made to Schedule 'A' of the Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1955, namely :<br>"26. All posts in all departments with initial salary of Rs 160 per mensem and above, created or to be created for the Lahaul and Spiti area :<br>Provided a resident of that area is appointed thereto.<br>"28. Staff officers in the Civil(Home) Defence Department." | 30th March, 1960. |
| 12 | Consideration of the Annual Financial Statement (II Supplementary Budget Estimate) for the year 1959-60 and the Annual Financial Statement (Budget Estimates) for the year 1960-61 of the Punjab State Electricity Board. | 30th March, 1960. 1st April, 1960. |
| 13 | Rescission of the decision of the House taken on 21st April, 1960, in respect of the non-official resolution regarding amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. | 27th April, 1960. |
| 14 | The Punjab Third-Five-Year Plan proposed tentatively for discussion with the Planning Commission. | 17th October, 1960. 18th October, 1960. |
| 15 | Discussion on Adjournment Motion regarding Flood situation in the State. | 24th October, 1960. |
| 16 | Disapproval of the Punjab Official Languages Ordinance, 1960, under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 16th November, 1960. |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | Disapproval of the Punjab Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1960, under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. | 21st November, 1960. |
| 18 | *Alleged alarming law and order situation in the State as revealed in the judgments of the various Courts in the case known as the "Karnal Triple Murder Case". | 22nd November, 1960 (Morning Sitting). |
| 19 | *Situation arising out of the demand for Punjabi Suba in the State. | 21st September, 1961. |
| 20 | Flood situation in the State. .. | 26th September, 1961. |
| 21 | Disapproval of the Talwara Township (Periphery) Control Ordinance, 1961, under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution | 26th September, 1961. |

**See* also discussion of motions under Rule 84 : page 10 *ante*.

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

A total number of 44 notices seeking to raise questions of privilege were received, two in 1957, nine in 1958, ten in 1959, thirteen in 1960 and ten in 1961.

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of twenty, three were withdrawn by the Members concerned, five were dropped with the consent of the House, eight were disposed of in the House after some observations had been made by the Speaker, and eight were referred to the Committee of Privileges. Out of these eight, there were four on which the Speaker desired to have the advice of the Committee before giving or refusing to give his consent. Another matter raised as a privilege issue at first, was withdrawn and then raised through a substantive motion. It was referred to an *Ad-hoc* Committee including all the Members of the Privileges Committee.

In other words, the Committee of Privileges had to answer 5 references made to it by the House. The nature of the question in each case, the date when it was raised and the decision thereon may be seen from the table below :—

| Serial No. | Nature of Question | Date | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Regarding the conduct of certain Members creating rowdy scenes and making an effort to prevent the Governor from addressing Members of both the Houses assembled together on the 10th February, 1958. (The notice as a privilege motion was withdrawn by Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann and instead the question was raised through a substantive motion on the 14th March, 1958). | 14th March, 1958. | The report of the *Ad hoc* Committee on this question was presented to the House on the 24th September, 1958, and was adopted on the same day. |
| 2 | Attempt by a Sub-Inspector of Police to serve a warrant of arrest on Comrade Jangir Singh, M.L.A., in the precincts of the Vidhan Sabha. | 19th February, 1959. | The report was presented on the 19th March, 1959 (Evening Sitting) and adopted by the House on the same day. |
| 3 | Publication of the proceedings of the Hindi Regional Committee in a number of Newspapers. | 12th March, 1959. | On 18th December, 1959, the Speaker informed the House that the Committee had failed to answer the reference made to it. At this the House authorised him to decide the issue as a single member Committee. Accordingly the Speaker presented his report on 24th March, 1960 which was adopted by the House on 1st April, 1960 |

| Serial No. | Nature of question | Date | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Regarding the publication of an article under the caption "odious characters of Punjab Politics" in the 'People's Guardian, Chandigarh, in its issue dated the 19th December, 1959. | 23rd December, 1959. | Final report presented on the 26th April, 1960, which was adopted by the House on the 27th April, 1960. |
| 5 | Misleading and incorrect report of the proceedings of the House, dated the 24th March, 1960, published in the Hind Samachar, Jullundur, dated the 25th March, 1960, under the caption "*Punjab Assembly men Congressi Member Abdul Ghaffar Khan ka Hinduon per dilazar hamla. Hinduapni larkian frokhat kar te hein.*" | 31st March, 1960. | The report was presented on the 18th October, 1960, and adopted by the House on the 24th October, 1960. |

There was, however, one other matter involving privilege : that of editorial comments published in the daily Prabhat in its issues dated the 4th, 9th and 10th May, 1957, reflecting on the impartiality of the Speaker. The Speaker mentioned this to the House. But the matter was dropped when the paper published an apology in its issue dated 29th May, 1957.

The daily Partap had also in its issue dated the 5th May, 1957, reflected on the impartiality of the Speaker. The matter was examined and it was found that there were one or two lines which were objectionable. It was, therefore, decided by the Speaker on the advice of the Press Gallery Committee to let off this Newspaper with a warning which was accordingly done.

The four matters on which the Speaker wanted the informal advice of the Privileges Committee related to :

(i) a complaint by a Member that he had been threatened by the Chief Parliamentary Secretary on 16th November, 1960 (The matter was dropped as advised by the Committee);

(ii) a complaint by a Member about the remarks concerning him made by the Chief Minister in his personal explantion on the 14th March, 1961. Though the Speaker ruled that there was no breach of privilege and that the conduct of a Minister could not be discussed except on a substantive motion yet he desired to obtain the advice of the Committee. The advice was tendered to him on the 5th December, 1961 and on the basis of that Speaker informed the Member that it was decided to drop the matter ;

(iii) the laying of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1959-60, and the Audit Report, 1961, before the Legislative Council prior to their being laid before the Vidhan Sabha. (The question was raised on 20th March, 1961, but was dropped as advised by the privileges Committee on 21st September, 1961) ; and

(iv) the personal explanation of a Member regarding certain remarks made by the Education Minister on the 22nd March, 1961, about the manner of securing confidential documents by him. The advice was tendered to the Speaker on the 5th December, 1961, and he decided to drop the matter.

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## FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets were presented and passed for various amounts as stated below :—

| Year | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| | | Rs |
| 1957 | .. | 1,14,39,15,560 |
| 1958 | .. | 1,22,23,97,130 |
| 1959 | .. | 1,19,43,86,680 |
| 1960 | .. | 1,35,84,51,420 |
| 1961 | .. | 1,41,35,02,790 |

Four Supplementary estimates in respect of Excess Demands, one in in 1958 for Rs 77,53,610, two in 1959 for Rs 70,99,396 and Rs 98,81,665 and one in 1961 for Rs 2,71,28,992 were also voted on 15th September, 1958, 18th December, 1959 and 22nd September, 1961, respectively Ten Supplementary Estimates, two each for the years 1957-58 and 1958-59, three for 1959-60, two for 1960-61 and one for 1961-62 were presented and voted for various amounts as below :—

| Year | | Amount | Date on which voted |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs | |
| 1957-58 | .. | 1,29,03,630 | 28th October, 1957. |
| | | 3,31,25,110 | 3rd March, 1958. |
| 1958-59 | .. | 45,90,620 | 16th September, 1958. |
| | | 7,43,25,240 | 21st February, 1959. |
| 1959-60 | .. | 6,22,45,840 | 30th June, 1959 |
| | | 1,57,00,540 | 21st December, 1959. |
| | | 3,61,22,890 | 29th February, 1960. |
| 1960-61 | .. | 7,69,25,360 | 9th November, 1960. |
| | | 17,27,48,880 | 24th February, 1961. |
| 1961-62 | .. | 3;43,03,110 | 22nd September, 1961. |

General discussions were held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific demands for grants were taken up for discussion on each occasion as shown below :—

| Year | Days allotted for general discussion of budget | Demands discussed | Days allotted for discussion of demands |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1957 .. | 3 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Miscellaneous Departments (Labour only) (3) Industries (4) Capital Outlay on Industrial Development (Outside the Revenue Accounts) | 2 |
| | | (5) Working Expenses-Other Irrigation Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenues (6) Irrigation-Establishment Charges (7) Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works (Commercial) (8) Capital Outlay on Multipurpose River Schemes met out of Revenue (9) Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Multipurpose River Schemes (10) Electricity Schemes-Working Expenses | 1 |
| 1958 .. | 5 | (1) Police (2) General Administration | 2 |
| | | (3) Agriculture (4) Capital Outlay on Schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research | 1 |
| | | (5) Irrigation Working Expenses other Irrigation Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenues (6) Irrigation-Establishment Charges (7) Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works | 1 |
| | | (8) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (9) Industries (10) Capital Outlay on Industrial Development (within the Revenue Account) Capital Outlay on Industrial Development (Outside the Revenue Account) (11) Miscellaneous Departments (Labour only) | 2 |

| Year | Days allotted for general discussion of budget | Demands discussed | Days allotted for discussion of demands |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1959 .. | 4 | (1) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (2) Industries .. | 1 |
| | | (3) Co-operation .. | 1 |
| | | (4) Agriculture .. | 1 |
| | | (5) General Administration .. | 1 |
| | | (6) Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works (Waterlogging and Floods only) | 1 |
| | | (7) Civil Works<br>(8) Buildings and Roads Establishment | 1 |
| 1960 .. | 5 | (1) Industries .. | 1 |
| | | (2) Agriculture<br>(3) Forests | 1 |
| | | (4) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (5) Community Development Projects, National Extension Service and Local Development Works<br>(6) Co-operation | 1 |
| | | (7) Land Revenue .. | 1 |
| | | (8) Capital Outlay on Multipurpose River Schemes .. | 1 |
| | | (9) General Administration<br>(10) Police | 1 |
| 1961 .. | 4 | (1) General Administration<br>(2) Police | 1 |
| | | (3) Irrigation Receipts—*Deduct*—Working Expenses—18—Other Irrigation Expenditure Financed from Ordinary Revenues<br>(4) Charges on Irrigation Establishment<br>(5) Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works | 1 |
| | | (6) Agriculture .. | 1 |
| | | (7) Industries and Supplies<br>(8) Labour and Employment | 1 |

| Year | Days allotted for general discussion of budget | Demands discussed | Days allotted for discussion of demands |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1961—*concld* | | (9) Miscellaneous<br>(10) Community Development Projects, National Extension Service and Local Development Works | 1 |
| | | (11) Education<br>(12) Expenditure of New Capital of Punjab at Chandigarh<br>(13) Land Revenue<br>(14) Capital Outlay on Schemes of Government Trading<br>(15) Civil Works<br>(16) Charges on P.W.D., Buildings and Roads Establishment<br>(17) Capital Account of Civil Works Outside the Revenue Account<br>(18) Medical and Public Health | 1 |

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS FROM THE MEETINGS OF THE SABHA

The Vidhan Sabha granted leave of absence from the meetings of the Sabha to the following Members on the dates shown against each :—

| Serial No. | Name of the Member | Date on which leave of absence granted | Total period of leave |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shri D.D. Puri .. | 10th September, 1958. | Two months. |
| 2 | Sardar Harcharan Singh Brar (Muktsar) | 24th September, 1958. | Till the end of February, 1959. |

## STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

In all 26 statements were made by the Ministers on different matters and at different occasions on the floor of the House on the subjects mentioned below :—

| Serial No. | Date | Made by | Subject matter |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 29th May, 1957. .. | Minister for Finance | Regarding distribution of Nazul lands to the Harijans in the State. |
| 2. | 29th October, 1957. | Minister for Education and Labour | Regarding provincialisation of Local Bodies schools. |
| 3. | 11th February, 1958. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding incident at Jullundur which had resulted in firing by the Police on 8th February, 1958. |
| 4. | 7th April, 1958. .. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the death of a person named Chohal of Jagadhri. |
| 5. | 10th September, 1958. | Minister for Industries and Local Government | Regarding the Food situation in the State. |
| 6. | 23rd December, 1958. | Minister for Industries and Supplies | Regarding the food situation in the State. |
| 7. | 17th February, 1959. | Minister for Irrigation and Power | Regarding the report of the High Powered Committee on the Bhakra Nangal Project. |
| 8. | 6th March, 1959. .. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the Police Lathi-charge and firing at village Atiana, tehsil Ludhiana. |
| 9. | 11th March, 1959. .. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the situation created in the State by the agitation against the Betterment levy. |
| 10. | 16th March, 1959. .. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the arrest of Master Tara Singh. |
| 11. | 20th March, 1959. (Morning Sitting) | Minister for Education and Labour | Regarding the printing and supply of the Reports of the proceedings of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha to the Members. |
| 12. | 1st July, 1959. .. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the Motor-boat accident at Rupar. |
| 13. | 1st July, 1959. .. | Minister for Industries | Regarding the Sugar situation in the State. |
| 14. | 16th December, 1959. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the accident to the Hoist Chamber at Bhakra. |

| Serial No. | Date | Made by | Subject matter |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | 23rd December, 1959. | Minister for Industries | Regarding the allegation made by a Member in his speech on the 22nd December, 1959, against another Member about a transaction entered into by him with the Government. |
| 16. | 23rd December, 1959 | Minister for Finance | Regarding the circumstances leading to the declaring of village Pai, tehsil Kaithal, District Karnal to be in a disturbed state and also of its being a disturbed area by the Government. |
| 17. | 16th February, 1960. | Minister for Industries and Local Government | Regarding the food situation in the State. |
| 18. | 17th February, 1960 | Minister for Education and Labour | Regarding compensation to Industrial labour likely to be affected by the shortage of electric energy. |
| 19. | 19th February, 1960. | Minister for Education and Labour | Regarding the rustication and arrest of two former students of, and the alleged strike in the Mahendra College, Patiala. |
| 20. | 24th February, 1960. | Minister for Irrigation and Power | Regarding the shortage of power in the State. |
| 21. | 29th February, 1960. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the language policy. |
| 22. | 25th April, 1960. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the steps taken by Government for the eradication of corruption. |
| 23. | 24th October, 1960. | Chief Minister .. | Regarding the Law and Order situation in the State. |
| 24. | 15th November, 1960. | Minister for Irrigation and Power | Regarding the closure of canals in the district of Amritsar causing harm to the sown harvest. |
| 25. | 29th March, 1961. | Minister for Industries | Regarding the recent increase in the population of the State. |
| 26. | 25th September, 1961. | Minister for Irrigation and Power | Regarding the flood situation in the State. |

## SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

During this period notices of four substantive motions were received (three in the Budget Session of 1958 and one in the Budget Session of 1960). Out of these, two were not entertained on technical grounds.

One given notice of by Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann* on the 14th March, 1958, was carried and an *ad hoc* Committee consisting of :—

1. Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Speaker.
2. Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A.
3. Shri Harbhagwan Maudgil, M.L.A.
4. Rao Gajraj Singh, M.L.A.
5. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, M.L.A.
6. Shri Nihal Singh, M.L.A.
7. Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann, M.L.A. and the remaining Members of the Privileges Committee appointed "to examine in all its procedural aspects the conduct of certain Members who, on the 10th February, 1958, when the Members of both the Houses had assembled together, created a rowdy scene just before the Governor rose to address them in pursuance of the constitutional obligation devolving on him under Article 176(1), and made an effort to prevent him from speaking, thereby committing an unconstitutional act, and report what action, if any, should be taken against them".

The report of the Committee was presented and adopted by the Sabha on the 24th September, 1958 (Morning Sitting).

The other one was moved on the 27th April, 1960, by the Chief Minister for the rescission of the decision of the House taken on the 21st April, 1960, in respect of the non-official resolution relating to the amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 (*See* page 144—Serial No. 26) and was carried.

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*This has been mentioned under Questions of Privilege. Please see page 13 ante.

# FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during this period was 4,663, the time taken by them was 694 hours 33 minutes in 12 Sessions with 215 Sittings. Out of these 1,908 were made by Members of the Congress Party, excluding Ministers, 862 by Ministers and 1,893 by Members of the Opposition groups, the time taken in each case being 295 hours 16 minutes, 137 hours 42 minutes and 261 hours 35 minutes, respectively.

The yearwise break-up of the above figures is given in the statement below.

It may, however, be mentioned that the above figures and the figures in the statement below do not include the time taken by the Speaker on his observations/rulings etc., by questions, by discussions on adjournment motions, questions of privileges, divisions etc. etc. :—

## STATEMENT

| Year | NUMBER OF SPEECHES | | | TIME TAKEN | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | TREASURY BENCHES | | Members of Opposition groups | TREASURY BENCHES | | Members of Opposition groups |
| | Members (excluding Ministers) | Ministers | | Members (excluding Ministers) | Ministers | |
| | | | | H M | H M | H M |
| 1957 .. | 398 | 155 | 256 | 47.56 | 18.12 | 31.19 |
| 1958 .. | 387 | 160 | 373 | 62.45 | 29.21 | 56.28 |
| 1959 .. | 357 | 184 | 386 | 53.18 | 28.47 | 49.23 |
| 1960 .. | 480 | 245 | 543 | 79.00 | 38.28 | 73.21 |
| 1961 .. | 286 | 118 | 335 | 52.17 | 22.54 | 51.04 |
| Total .. | 1,908 (40.92 per cent) | 862 (18.48 per cent) | 1,893 (40.60 per cent) | 295.16 (42.51 per cent) | 137.42 (19.83 per cent) | 261.35 (37.66 per cent) |

## WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 30 walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different groups during this period. The table below gives the Session-wise figures :—

TABLE

| Year | | First Session | Second Session | Third Session |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1957 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. |
| 1958 | .. | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| 1959 | .. | 4 | .. | 2 |
| 1960 | .. | 3 | 5 | .. |
| 1961 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. |

## DIVISIONS

The total number of 'divisions' (recorded and not-recorded) during the period under review comes to 137. Separate figures relating to the recorded and not-recorded divisions in each Session of the Sabha are given in the statement below :—

| Year | 1st Session | | Second Session | | Third Session | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Recorded | Not recorded | Recorded | Not recorded | Recorded | Not recorded |
| 1957 .. | 2 | 10 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| 1958 .. | 8 | 27 | 4 | 8 | .. | .. |
| 1959 .. | 3 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| 1960 .. | 3 | 18 | 6 | 12 | .. | .. |
| 1961 .. | 2 | 5 | 2 | 7 | .. | .. |

# UNPARLIAMENTARY EXPRESSIONS

The following expressions were declared by the Speaker as Unparliamentary/ Undesirable Expressions :—

| Expression | | Date of the Debate |
|---|---|---|
| बेईमानी | .. | 15th May, 1957/4th March, 1959. |
| वाहियात | .. | 15th May, 1957. |
| गद्दार | .. | 23rd May, 1957/12th March, 1959. |
| पिट्ठू | .. | 18th February, 1958. |
| तमीज़ नहीं | .. | 4th March, 1958. |
| झूठ | .. | 21st March, 1958/17th February, 1959/17th December, 1959/2nd March, 1960. |
| Shut up (when used with reference to an hon. Member) | | 28th March, 1958/17th October, 1960. |
| बकवास —(when used with reference to another Member of the House) | | 23rd December, 1958/ 2nd March, 1960/8th March, 1961. |
| मोटें मोटें गीदड़ | .. | 23rd December, 1958. |
| Liar | .. | 2nd March, 1959. |
| बददयानती | .. | 11th March, 1959. |
| धोखा | .. | 4th March, 1959. |
| "The Deputy Minister has got the cheek to say" | .. | 16th March, 1959. |
| पागल | .. | 1st July, 1959. |
| आपकी अक्ल पांव के नीचे आ गई है | .. | 1st July, 1959. |
| Mischievous | .. | 18th March, 1960. |
| बावला (when used with reference to a particular person) | | 26th April, 1960. |

| Expression | Date of Debate |
|---|---|
| Corrupt (when used with reference to the Members) | 7th November, 1960. |
| ਸਰਾਸਰ ਝੂਠ .. | 10th November, 1960. |
| अन्याय —(when used with reference to the Chair) .. | 15th November, 1960. |
| क्या पिद्दी और क्या पिद्दी का शोरबा (when used with reference to a particular Member) | 15th November, 1960. |
| निकम्मा —(when used with reference to the Upper House) .. | 22nd November, 1960. (Afternoon sitting) |
| इखलाक से गिरना/गिराना (When used with reference to entire Opposition in the House) | 21st February, 1961. |
| "ਭਈ" and ਦਿਮਾਗ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਫੂਸ ਭਰਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ (when used with reference to another Member of the House) | 28th March, 1961. |
| इनको तो कोई काम नहीं और ये business को extend करके एक दिन का allowance लेना चाहते हैं (when used with reference to another Member of the House) | 30th March, 1961. |
| Boring (when said in relation to a speech) .. | 28th September, 1961. (Second sitting) |

## COMMITTEES

In 1957, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees—

1. Committee on Public Accounts.
2. Committee on Estimates.
3. Committee on Government Assurances.
4. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
5. Business Advisory Committee.
6. Committee of Privileges.
7. Library Committee.
8. Petitions Committee.
9. Select Committee on Bills.
10. Joint Select Committee on Bills.
11. House Committee.

The General Purposes Committee was constituted on the 27th April, 1960, by making the necessary provision in the Rules. In addition, the following *ad hoc* Committees were also constituted :—

(1) *Ad hoc* Committee on Rules, constituted twice, once on 23rd December, 1959 and then on 24th October, 1960.

(2) *Ad hoc* Committee on Questions, constituted on 15th September, 1958.

*(3) *Ad hoc* Committee on a Privilege issue regarding the alleged rowdy scenes created by certain members when the Governor came to address Members of the Legislature on 14th March, 1958.

*(4) A single Member Committee consisting of the Speaker on a privilege issue arising out of the reporting of the proceedings of the Regional Committees in the Press. This was done by the Vidhan Sabha on 18th December, 1959.

Besides the above Committees which functioned during this period, there were the Regional Committees also for the Punjabi and the Hindi Regions.

The Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee were elected every year by the Vidhan Sabha from amongst the Members according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote. The Regional Committees stood constituted under the Presidential Order. The rest of the Committees were nominated by the Speaker except the *ad hoc* Committee on a Privilege issue which was determined by the House when the substantive motion was carried.

The Chairmen of the Regional Committees were elected by the Committees themselves as well as their respective Vice-Chairmen. The Chairmen of the other Committees were appointed by the Speaker. Where,

**See* also Questions of Privilege ; Page 13—15

however, the Deputy Speaker was a Member he was appointed as the Chairman by the operation of the Rules.

The strength of these Committees is given below :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Punjabi Regional Committee .. | 87* |
| 2. | Hindi Regional Committee .. | 65* |
| 3. | Committee on Public Accounts .. | 9 M.L.A.s *†3M.L.Cs. |
| 4. | Committee on Estimates .. | 9 |
| 5. | Committee on Government Assurances .. | 9 |
| 6. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation .. | 8 |
| 7. | Business Advisory Committee .. | Speaker and not more than 5 other members |
| 8. | Committee of Privileges .. | 10 |
| 9. | Library Committee .. | 6 |
| 10. | Committee on Petitions .. | Deputy Speaker with four other members of whom one is a member of Panel of Chairmen |
| 11. | General Purposes Committee .. | Strength variable consists of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of the Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees of the Vidhan Sabha, Leaders of recognised parties and groups and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker. The Speaker is the *ex officio* Chairman of the Committee. |
| 12. | House Committee .. | 5 |

Note *The Speaker and the Chief Minister are not members of either Regional Committee. In the present case they both represented constituencies in the Punjabi Region. Hence the total number of members of the Punjabi Regional Committee was 87.

*† In addition to the nine members elected by the Punjab Legislative Assembly the Assembly by a motion has been requesting the Punjab Legislative Council every year to associate three of its members with the Public Accounts Committee. The Council has been agreeing each year and been nominating three members of the Council to associate with each Public Accounts Committee during this period.

The total number of meetings held by these different Committees, presented by each is as stated below :—

**Statement showing the number of sittings held by various**

| Year | | Punjabi Regional Committee | Joint Sub-Committees/Sub-Committees of Punjabi Regional Committee | Hindi Regional Committee | Joint Sub-Committees/Sub-Committees of Hindi Regional Committee | Public Accounts Committee | Drafting Sub-Committee of P.A.C. | Implementation Sub-Committee of Public Accounts Committee | Estimates Committee | Drafting Sub-Committee of Estimates Committee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | Number |
| 1957-58 | .. | 2 | 4* | 2 | 5 | 22 | 2 | .. | 19 | .. |
| 1958-59 | .. | 11 | 9 | 16 | 9 | 34 | .. | .. | 24 | 1 |
| 1959-60 | .. | 5 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 33 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 4 |
| 1960-61 | | 11 | 34 | 25 | 3 | 36 | 6 | 4 | 30 | 6 |
| 1961-62 | .. | 2 | .. | 6 | 29 | .. | .. | 6 | 22 | 8 |
| | | | | (upto 15th January, 1962) | | | | | | (up to 27th November, 1961) |
| | | | | | | | | | | Number of Reports |
| | | | | | | 10 | 6 | 3 | †15 | 4 |

*It includes 5 meetings held by the *ad-hoc* Committee on a Privilege Issue.

‡It includes 2 reports presented to the Speaker and one report of the *ad hoc* committee on a privilege issue presented to the House.

†This number includes ten reports on the supplementary estimates.

In relation to the Regional Committees the following additional information may be of interest :—

| | | *Punjabi Regional Committee* | *Hindi Regional Committee* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. No. of Bills referred to | .. | 25 | 25 |
| 2. No. of Resolutions received by | .. | 77 | 96 |
| 3. No. of Resolutions admitted in | .. | 49 | 51 |
| 4. No. of resolutions passed | .. | 3 | 7 |

yearwise, up to the end of February, 1962, along with the number of reports

**Committees and the reports presented by them**

| | Implementation Sub-Committee of the Estimates Committee | Committee on Government Assurances | Ad-hoc Committee on Rules | House Committee | Library Committee | Business Advisory Committee | Committee of Privileges | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | General Purposes Committee | Ad-hoc Committee on Questions | Select Committee | Joint Select Committee | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **of sittings** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | .. | 16 | .. | 8 | 4 | .. | 1 | Nil | .. | .. | 6 | .. | =91 |
| | 3 | 27 | .. | 5 | 4 | .. | *10 | 17 | .. | 1 | 2 | 3 | =176 |
| | 1 | 28 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | =178 |
| | 5 | 24 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | =236 |
| | 8 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 11 | .. | 14 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | =140 |
| | (upto 19-12-61, | (upto end of December, 1961) | (upto 26-9-61) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Presented | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 5 | | | Nil | 3 | ‡8 | 3 | | Nil | 3 | 2 | |

# SELECT COMMITTEES/JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees were constituted on the following Bills during the period under review :—

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Strength | Date of reference | Number of meetings | Date of presentation of Report |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1957. | 17 | 25-10-57 | 4 | 29th October, 1957 (Preliminary) 11th Februrary, 1958. (Final) |
| 2 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Charges) Bill, 1957. | 21 | 29-10-57 | 2 | 11th February, 1958. |
| 3 | The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1958. | 14 | 8-4-58 | 2 | 10th September, 1958. |

The following Bills which originated in the Assembly were, with the concurrence of the Legislative Council, referred to the Joint Select Committee of the two Houses :—

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Strength | Date of reference | Number of meetings | Date of presentation of Report |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Bill, 1958. | 27 | 24-9-58 | 3 | 16-2-59 |
| 2 | The Punjab Pre-emption (Amendment) Bill, 1959. | 23 | 1-7-59 | 2 | 14-12-59 |

# PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Public Accounts Committee for the year 1957-58, completed the scrutiny in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1952-53, and the Audit Report, 1954, questionnaire in respect of which had already been issued by the previous Committee. The Committee presented its Report (Fifth Report) on these accounts to the Vidhan Sabha on the 11th March, 1958.

Besides, the Committee framed questionnaires on —

(i) the Appropriation Accounts of the erstwhile Punjab Government for the years 1953-54 and 1954-55 and the Audit Reports thereon ;

(ii) the Appropriation Accounts of the erstwhile Pepsu Government for the year 1954-55 and Audit Report, 1956; and

(iii) Part II of the Appropriation Accounts of the erstwhile Pepsu Government for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 and the Audit Report thereon.

The Committee could not, however, for want of time examine all these Accounts. It examined only a few points relating to the Bhakra-Nangal Project.

During 1958-59, the Committee examined the accounts and audit reports mentioned above and presented its Sixth Report thereon on the 22nd September, 1958. The Committee also examined —

(i) the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab, for the years 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 and the Audit Reports thereon ;

(ii) the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Pepsu for the years, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 (1st April, 1956 to 31st October, 1956) and the Audit Reports thereon ;

(iii) the Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 and the Audit Reports thereon;

(iv) the Finance Accounts of the Pepsu Government for the years 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 (1st April, 1956 to 31st October, 1956) and the Audit Reports thereon.

It presented its Seventh Report on the aforementioned Accounts on the 18th March, 1959.

During this year, the Committee visited —

(i) the Bhupindra Printing Press, Patiala ;

(ii) the Ayurvedic Stores, Patiala ;

(iii) the Bhupindra Dairy Farm, Patiala, on the 3rd July, 1958;

(iv) the Government Spinning and Weaving Centre, and

(v) the Stores and Workshop of the Punjab Roadways, Jullundur;

on the 21st January, 1959.

During 1959-60, the Committee scrutinized the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years, (i) 1956-57 (1st April, 1956 to 31st October, 1956) ; (ii) 1956-57 (1st November, 1956 to 31st March, 1957) ; and (iii) 1957-58 and the Audit Reports thereon except paragraphs/notes relating to the Bhakra Nangal Project (Irrigation portion) and the Finance Department. The Committee presented three Reports—Eighth, Ninth and Tenth in respect of these Appropriation Accounts to the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th June, 1959, 14th December, 1959 and 30th March, 1960, respectively.

The members of the Committee visited—

(i) the Bhakra Dam on the 28th August, 1959, to see what damage had been caused to the Hoist Chamber and again on the 10th February, 1960, to see the progress made in the repair of the Hoist Chamber and in the construction of the Dam ; and

(ii) a part of the Moti Bagh Palace in Patiala, which had been bought by the Punjab Government on the 2nd December, 1959.

A Sub-Committee consisting of three members visited Karnal on the 25th January, 1960, to see the site where the Borstal Institute and Juvenile Jail was proposed to be constructed but which proposal was later abandoned.

Some members visited the Ambala Central Jail on the 1st February, 1960, to see the working of the Jail factories.

In 1960-61, the Committee examined the Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1956-57 (1st April, 1956 to 31st October, 1956) ; 1956-57 (1st November, 1956 to 31st March, 1957) ; and 1957-58 and the Audit Reports thereon and the paragraphs/notes relating to the Bhakra-Nangal Project (Irrigation portion) and the Finance Department which had been left by the Committee for the previous year (see above). The Eleventh Report on these accounts was presented on the 17th October, 1960.

The Committee also examined the Report of the High Powered Committee on the Bhakra Nangal Project and presented its Twelfth Report on the 15th February, 1961.

In addition, the Committee scrutinized the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1958-59 and the Audit Report, 1960, (except paragraphs relating to the Irrigation Department which it could not examine for want of time) and presented its Thirteenth Report thereon on the 22nd February, 1961.

During 1961-62, the Committee scrutinised the paragraphs/notes relating to the Irrigation Branch, including the Bhakra-Nangal Project, which the previous year's Committee had left and presented its Fourteenth Report thereon on the 20th September, 1961.

It also framed a questionnaire on the Appropriation Accounts for the year, 1959-60 and the Audit Report, 1961 and scrutinized paragraphs/notes relating to some of the departments appearing in these Appropriation Accounts. The Committee presented its Fifteenth Report in respect of these Departments to the Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, as there was no likelihood of another Session of the Sabha being held before its dissolution.

The Committee has also been examining from time to time the action taken by Government on its earlier recommendations/observations. Statements showing the outstanding recommendations/observations of the Committee had appeared in the form of appendices to the Seventh, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fifteenth Reports.

In 1957-58, this work was done by the main Committee, but in the subsequent years by the Implementation Sub-Committee which was constituted for the purpose from year to year.

The Committee had been appointing a Drafting Sub-Committee from time to time which drafted the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth to Fifteenth Reports which were later adopted by the full Committee. The Eighth Report, however, was drafted by the Committee itself.

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## COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

The Committee examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments—

(i) in 1957-58—

Capital Project (Chandigarh), Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads), Public Works Department (Irrigation), Public Works Department (Electricity), Co-operative Department, Agriculture Department, Veterinary Department and Forest Department ;

(ii) in 1958-59—

Panchayat Department, Agriculture Department, Directorate of Social Welfare, Punjab Civil Secretariet, Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Cottage Industries, Community Projects and Public Relations Department ;

(iii) in 1959-60—

Education Department, Industries Department (including Cottage and Village Industries and Minerals), Transport Department and Finance Department ;

(iv) in 1960-61—

Printing and Stationery Department, Punjab State Electricity Board, Public Works Department (Irrigation) and Co-operative Department ;

(v) in 1961-62—

Medical and Public Health Department (including Directorate of Ayurveda), Police Department, Bhakra-Nangal Project.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1957-58 (1st and 2nd Instalments), 1958-59 (1st and 2nd Instalments), 1959-60 (1st, 2nd and 3rd Instalments), 1960-61 (1st and 2nd Instalments) and 1961-62 (1st Instalment).

The Committee presented five Reports on the Budget Estimates of different departments, one in each year except 1960-61 when it presented two reports. It also presented reports on each instalment of the Supplementary Estimates.

In 1961-62, the Committee could not present a report on the budget estimates of the Medical and Public Health, including the Ayurveda Departments, the Police Department and the Bhakra-Nangal Project which it had examined at considerable length.

The Committee has also been scrutinizing from time to time the action taken by Government on its recommendations and observations made in its earlier reports. In 1957-58 this work was done by the Committee as a whole and in the following years by the Implementation Sub-Committee, appointed each year.

The statements showing the outstanding recommendations/observations of the Committee on the Budget Estimates for the years 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 (Forest Department of the Pepsu Government) appeared in the form of Appendices to its reports on the Budget Estimates for 1958-59 and 1960-61.

Drafting sub-committees were also appointed each year during 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62, the draft reports of which were accepted by the Committee. No draft was, however, prepared for 1961-62, as stated above.

In 1958-59, the Committee visited the Batala Extension Service Block and the Ballabgarh and Faridabad Development Blocks and in 1959-60 the Bhakra Dam to see the damage that had been caused to the Hoist Chamber.

In 1960-61, the Committee held three meetings at Amritsar and two at Gurdaspur and examined the representatives of various organizations as also individuals interested in the working of the Irrigation Department. It also saw the Irrigation and Power Research Institute, Amritsar and the Hydraulic Research Station, Malakpur. During this year a Study Group of the Committee undertook an extensive tour of Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Kerala, Mysore, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for studying the working procedure of the Estimates Committees of these States.

In 1961-62, the Committee visited the Bhakra Dam, the Nangal Dam and the Ganguwal Power House.

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

During 1957-58, the Committee scrutinised :—

379 assurances relating to the erstwhile Pepsu Vidhan Sabha and 60 (up to 1956) relating to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. Out of these further information was asked for in respect of 50 and 34, respectively ;

30 relating to August—October, 1956 Session (of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha) out of which 15 were selected for further information ; and

452 relating to the March, 1957 and April—June, 1957 Sessions out of which 319 were selected for further information.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined in respect of these assurances :—

Health, Rehabilitation, Irrigation and Electricity, Development, Public Relations and Education.

The Committee presented its 2nd Report on March 19, 1958.

During 1958-59 the Committee scrutinised —

eighty-eight assurances relating to the Pepsu Vidhan Sabha out of which 18 were selected for further information ;

111 relating to October, 1957 Session out of which 78 were selected for further information; and

564 relating to the Sessions in 1958 out of which 326 were selected for further information.

Replies received up to February 20, 1959, in regard to outstanding assurances were also examined.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined—

Industries, Home (Jails), Capital Project, Agriculture/Consolidation, Revenue, Transport, Finance, General Administration, Planning, Labour, Development, Co-operative and Anti-corruption.

The Committee presented its Third and Fourth Reports on the 24th September, 1958 and 31st March, 1959, respectively.

During 1959-60, the Committee reviewed 185 outstanding assurances given up to 1957, both in the erstwhile Vidhan Sabhas of Punjab and Pepsu and in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha after integration and decided to drop 110.

It scrutinised 309 assurances relating to the February—April, 1959 and the June-July, 1959 sessions and selected 160 for further examination. It scrutinised the information received from Government up to the 10th February, 1960, in regard to the implementation of Assurances.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined:—

Rehabilitation, Anti-corruption, Finance, Police, Panchayats, Co-operative, General Administration, Health and Local Government, Agriculture, Public Works (Buildings and Roads), Public Works (Irrigation Branch), Electricity, Jails, Home, Education and Forest.

The Committee presented its Fifth Report on the 30th of March, 1960.

During 1960-61, the Committee scrutinised 126 assurances relating to the December, 1959 session and 284 relating to the sessions held in 1960 out of which information from Government was asked for in respect of 69 and 194, respectively. It also scrutinised the replies received from Government up to the 31st of January, 1961.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined:—

Home, Revenue, Agriculture, Finance and Health.

The Committee presented its Sixth Report on the 21st of March, 1961, in the afternoon sitting.

During 1961-62, the Committee scrutinised 388 assurances relating to the February-March, 1961 and September, 1961 Sessions out of which 199 were selected for further action. It examined the replies received from Government from time to time and examined orally the representatives of the following departments :—

Social Welfare, Transport, Agriculture, Financial Commissioner Development, Irrigation, Welfare for the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and Revenue.

The Committee did not present any report.

At present total number of 442 assurances are pending for one reason or the other.

It may be mentioned here that the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat brought out a brochure called "Committee on Government Assurances" on 1st August, 1960, setting out the constitution and procedure of work of the Committee.

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## *AD HOC* COMMITTEES ON RULES

In deference to the wishes of some Members, an *Ad-Hoc* Committee on Rules, with the Speaker as Chairman, was constituted on the 23rd December, 1959, to consider the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly in relation to the number of members required to grant leave to the moving of an adjournment motion and no confidence motion, when these were otherwise held to be in order. The Committee presented its report to the Assembly on the 15th March, 1960.

Under orders of the Speaker, the Report which was unanimous, remained laid before the Assembly for three days. No amendment was received and, therefore, the relevant rules were amended by order of the Speaker accordingly.

Another *Ad-Hoc* Committee on Rules with the Speaker as Chairman was nominated on the 24th October, 1960, to examine whether any renumbering was necessary as also whether any modifications/improvements in drafting, etc., were desirable. The Committee examined a number of Rules but did not finalise its Report.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period the Committee, apart from allotting accommodation to Members for the different Sessions, considered the arrangements for the stay of Members in the Legislators' Hostels/Flats at Chandigarh. It also after prolonged discussions with the representatives of the Hospitality Organisation Department succeeded in making catering arrangements in the Hostels and in the Legislature Secretariat Canteen with effect from October, 1960 and February, 1960, respectively.

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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee has made recommendations for the purchase of books and periodicals for the Vidhan Sabha Library. As a result of its recommendations 5,460 books in English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Sanskrit worth Rs. 55,330 have been added to the Library and the following 13 periodicals are being subscribed to :—

(1) Reader's Digest.
(2) Social Welfare.
(3) Civic Affairs.
(4) Modern Review.
(5) Kurukshetra.
(6) Indian Foreign Affairs.
(7) Indian Information.
(8) Parliamentary Studies.
(9) Eastern Economist.
(10) Lahore Law Times.
(11) Aaj Kal (Urdu).
(12) Panj Darya (Punjabi).
(13) Saraswati (Hindi).

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## BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 1959-60, the Committee made recommendations about the time allocations for the business pending before the Vidhan Sabha in the Seventh (June-July) and Eighth (December) Sessions, 1959 and these time allocations were approved.

In the Seventh Session the time allocations were in respect of eleven Bills, including an Appropriation Bill and the discussion and voting of the 1st instalment of the Supplementary Estimates.

In the Eighth Session, the time allocations were in respect of fifteen Bills, including three Appropriation Bills, the discussion and voting of Excess Demands and the 2nd instalment of the Supplementary Estimates and the discussion of certain official resolutions.

Again in 1960-61, the Committee recommended time allocations for the business pending before the Vidhan Sabha in the Tenth (October-November) Session, 1960 and these were also approved.

The time allocations were in respect of nineteen Bills including one Appropriation Bill, the discussion and voting of the 1st instalment of the Supplementary Estimates and some official resolutions.

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## COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The rules scrutinized by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below yearwise :—

### 1958-59

(I) The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Rules, 1953 (as amended up to 14th December, 1954), framed under the Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Act, 1952.

(II) The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation Rules, 1952, framed under the Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation Act, 1952.

(III) The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Rules, 1958, framed under the Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1955, as amended by the Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Second Amendment) Act, 1956.

(IV) The Patiala and East Punjab States Union Abolition of Ala Malikiyat Rights Rules, 1953, framed under the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Abolition of Ala Malikiyat Rights Act, 1953.

(V) The Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958.

(VI) The Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reforms) Rules, 1957, framed under the Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reform) Act, 1952.

(VII) The Punjab Abolition of Ala Malikiyat and Talukdari Rights Rules, 1953, framed under the Punjab Abolition of Ala Malikiyat and Talukdari Rights Act, 1952.

(VIII) The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Rules, 1955, framed under the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1954.

(IX) (a) The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Rules, 1953, as amended up to 21st October, 1954, and

(b) The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Rules, 1956 as amended up to 31st March, 1958, framed under the Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act, 1953.

(X) The Punjab Resumption of Jagirs Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Resumption of Jagirs Act, 1957.

(XI) The Pepsu Town and Suburban Areas Development Regulations, 1955, framed under the Pepsu Town and Suburban Areas Development Act, 2008 B.K.

(XII) The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Rules, 1955, framed under the Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Act, 1952.

**1959-60**

(I) The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Rules, 1954, framed under the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953.

(II) The Punjab Educational Service, Class III, Schools Cadre Rules, 1955, framed under the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution.

(III) The Punjab Textiles and Sugar (Existing Stocks) Purchase Tax and Miscellaneous Provisions Rules, 1957, framed under the Punjab Textiles and Sugar (Existing Stocks) Purchase Tax and Miscellaneous Provisions Ordinance 1957—Act, 1958.

(IV) The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Charges) Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Land Revenue (Special Charges) Act, 1958.

(V) The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Electricity (Duty) Act, 1958.

(VI) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1956, framed under the Punjab Co-operative Societies Act, 1954.

(VII) The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessment) Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887.

(VIII) The Punjab Utilization of Lands Rules, 1950, framed under the East Punjab Utilization of Lands Act, 1949.

**1960-61**

(I) Rules 3 and 4 of the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Rules, framed under the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953.

(II) The Punjab State Electricity Board Rules, 1959, framed under the Electricity Supply Act, 1948.

(III) The Pepsu Village Common Lands (Regulation) Rules, 1955, framed under the Pepsu Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1954.

(IV) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1956, framed under the Punjab Co-operative Societies Act, 1954 (Rule 6 and from Rule 12 onwards).

(V) The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Rules, 1956, framed under the Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Act, 1956.

(VI) The Punjab Backward Classes (Grant of Loans) Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Backward Classes (Grant of Loans) Act, 1957.

(VII) The Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, framed under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (up to Rule 4.33).

**1961-62**

(I) The Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, framed under the Punjab Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

(II) The Punjab Children Rules, 1960, framed under the East Punjab Children Act, 1949.

(III) The Punjab Children (Juvenile Courts) Rules, 1960, framed under the East Punjab Children Act, 1949.

(IV) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis (Primary Members) Election Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(V) The Punjab Primary Education Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Primary Education Act, 1960.

Having examined the Rules detailed above, the Committee presented its reports for each of the said years on 30th March, 1959, 31st March, 1960 and 21st March, 1961 (Morning sitting). No report was, however, presented for 1961-62.

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## *AD HOC* COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS

On the 15th September, 1958, the Speaker constituted an *Ad hoc* Committee on Questions to consider matters relating to Assembly questions and their answers. The Committee held only one sitting on the 17th September, 1958. No report of the Committee was presented to the House but, instead, their recommendations were circulated to the members of the Sabha and all the Administrative Secretaries to Government, Punjab, for compliance.

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## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

This Committee was for the first time constituted in April, 1960 under Rule 265-N, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly. The Speaker is the *Ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee which consists of the Deputy Speaker, Members of the Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all committees of the Assembly, leaders of the recognized parties and groups in the Assembly and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker.

The functions of the Committee are to consider and advise on such matters concerning the affairs of the House as may be referred to it by the Speaker.

During the period from October, 1960 to March, 1961, the Committee held 4 meetings. In its first meeting the Committee *inter alia* considered how far it was desirable to hold Committee meetings away from the Headquarters and when on the spot study by the Study Groups of Committees be undertaken.

In the subsequent three meetings the Committee considered various matters relating to the new Assembly Chamber building and its furnishings. The Committee made a number of suggestions and these were communicated in due course to the Capital Project Organisation for implementation.

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# IMPORTANT RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

## REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR SPEECHES BY THE OPPOSITION GROUPS

There was a regular Opposition in the previous House. It is essential for the Opposition to have a specific number of Members in their party. Only then it can be recognised as such. So long as there is no recognised opposition party in this House, the Members of different groups may settle among themselves that they would take so much time on behalf of the Opposition. I would then allot the time as they would suggest. But every member would not get that much time. Dr. Bhag Singh has been allowed more time because he is the first member to speak from the Opposition groups. I think he has spoken a lot and can say more, if he so desires. So far as the allotment of time is concerned, I shall try to accommodate each group. The Opposition groups should furnish me with lists of Members of their respective groups who are desirous of taking part in the debate. However, there should be some healthy convention in this connection as it existed before. If we fix the time limit for a speech at ten minutes, then two days are required for the discussion of the Governor's Address. This time I have allotted three days for the purpose. But despite this a large number of Members would get no opportunity to speak. Previously, too, in spite of ten minutes time limit we used to have much difficulty in accommodating the members.

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(Debate dated 29th April, 1957)

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## REGARDING CROSSING OF THE FLOOR

I wish to draw the attention of the hon. Members to one thing and that is that they should refrain from crossing the floor of the House. The Rules of Procedure do not permit this, nor do they allow that when a Member is speaking another Member should cross between that Member and the Speaker. It is against the decorum of the House. All the directions given under the Rules with regard to the crossing of floor and the maintenance of decorum in the House and the dignity of Chair, should be strictly observed.

(Debate dated 30th April, 1957)

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## WHETHER A DEPUTY MINISTER BEING A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COULD TAKE HIS SEAT IN THE VIDHAN SABHA

On the 29th April, 1957, Shri Jagat Narain Chopra raised a point of order objecting to the presence of Shri Yashwant Rai, M.L.C., Deputy Minister, in the House. The Speaker reserved his ruling on that day but on the next day, after hearing the Minister for Finance and Shri Jagat Narain Chopra, he observed :—

"The hon. Member (Shri Dharam Singh Rathi) got an opportunity yesterday to put forth his views. I have given time to the hon. Minister only to hear his view point.

As far as the Constitution is concerned, it does not define the word 'Minister'. In our Rules a—

> 'Minister' means a Member of the Council of Ministers and includes any member to whom such Minister may delegate any functions assigned to him under these rules.

And as regards the phrase 'any Member' used by Pandit Ji (Finance Minister), it does not mean any member but a member of this House. In the Rules of Procedure of the House of People the term 'Minister' has been more elaborately defined :

> A 'Minister' means a member of the Council of Ministers, a Minister of State, a Deputy Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary.

Then the hon. Minister quoted from the proceedings of the U.P. Vidhan Sabha. This quotation appears in the discussion that took place in that House on the Ministers Salaries and Allowances Bill, when Shri Narain Dutt Tewari pointed out that the definition of the word 'Minister' did not include the Deputy Minister. But the hon. Speaker of that Sabha, in that connection, ruled that Deputy Minister as also other Ministers fell within the scope of that Bill. Therefore that ruling does not hold good in the present case, which is entirely different.

Your attention is invited to the Central Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952, where this point has been made quite clear. In this Act—

> a 'Minister' means a member of the Council of Ministers by whatever name called and includes a Deputy Minister.

Besides, this point was also raised in the Presiding Officers' Conference at Shillong and the discussion that took place has particular reference to the matter under discussion here.

A special procedure in this regard was suggested in that Conference. This procedure has also been followed at the Centre. Although proceedings of that Conference are confidential yet in a matter of this nature I must take the House into my confidence and, therefore, I will read out from those proceedings. The point was :—

> "Whether the special privilege conceded, by way of an exception to the general rule, to a Minister by the provision of Articles 88 and 177 of the Constitution of India as regards Parliament and the State Legislatures, respectively, can by rules of procedure be extended to Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries ? If not, is not such a rule of procedure *ultra vires* of the Constitution ?"

Article 88 pertains to Parliament and 177 to the State Legislatures. Let us suppose that the definition of a Minister or a Deputy Minister as it is given in the Constitution is different from that provided in the Rules of Procedure. Then the question is whether it is *ultra vires* or not. Until it is notified, as has been done in the Lok Sabha, that the Deputy Ministers, State Ministers are the Members of the Council of the Ministers they cannot be regarded as such.

"The Deputy Chairman, Bihar, stated that the special privileges under Articles 88 and 177 of the Constitution of India could not be extended to persons not covered by the expression 'Minister' and if there was any rule of the House of Legislature extending such privilege to Deputy Ministers or to Parliamentary Secretaries none of whom was a Member of the Council of Ministers, that rule was *ultra vires* of the Constitution".

The inclusion of Parliamentary Secretary in the expression 'Minister' is out of question, as it was held by—

"The Acting Chairman (Shri S.V. Krishnamoorthy) that at the Centre Parliamentary Secretaries act for their Ministers only for certain purposes in the House of which they were members".

But this restriction does not apply to Deputy Ministers.

"He suggested that if in any State the Deputy Ministers were not declared to be Members of the Council of Ministers they should be declared as such".

After discussing all these technical and constitutional difficulties the point boils down to whether the Deputy Ministers have been declared as Members of the Council of Ministers as they have been declared at the Centre. I think this is also the intention of the Chief Minister.

Shri Krishnamoorthy further added—

"They could in no sense be called Members of the Council of Ministers and the privileges conferred under Article 88 could not be extended to them. But the Deputy Ministers at the Centre were included in the conception of Council of Ministers and they sit in both the Houses and take part in the proceedings. They are members of the Council of Ministers".

If the Chief Minister will say that they are Members of the Council of Ministers, there is no objection to their sitting in the House and taking part in its proceedings.

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The intention of the Chief Minister must be to give effect to this declaration from the day when the Deputy Ministers were appointed.

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It is not necessary that the Rules should be amended for this purpose. It is provided that if a Deputy Minister happens to be a member of the Council of Ministers he can sit in the House.

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I have given the Ruling that the Deputy Ministers can sit in this House and take part in its proceedings. I have not given my ruling on the basis of the procedure of one State only but on the basis of the consensus of opinion of all the Presiding Officers in this country."

(Debate dated 30th April, 1957)

## REGARDING REFERENCE TO *Sub judice* MATTERS OR MATTERS RELATING TO ELECTIONS

No reference need be made to matters relating to elections. The matters which are *sub judice* or are to be brought before a court of law, are not to be mentioned in the House.

(Debate dated 1st May, 1957).

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS REFLECTING ON THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE SPEAKER—A MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

"The hon. Members may recollect that a few days back a point of order was raised in this House that a Deputy Minister, a Member of the other House, who was present here could not take his seat in this House. On the day when this question was raised I gave a ruling. I had said that "there seems to be a *prima facie* case and that the objection seemed valid".

Then from the treasury benches, the Finance Minister had submitted that since I had made this remark only after hearing one side, his party should also be heard. I want to make it clear that I had not yet given the final ruling. I had only said that the Deputy Minister should not take part in the debate. The following day an opportunity was given to all sections in the House to express themselves on the point and the whole matter was thrashed out.

The Government had referred to the rulings of U.P., Bombay and Delhi legislatures but these were not strictly in point. The position that I had placed before the House was one that I had arrived at after studying the rulings of different legislatures and the Lok Sabha. I also wish to inform the hon. Members that the decision of the Presiding Officers in this connection was unanimous. Keeping all these things in view I fail to understand why this matter is still being agitated. If it were the case of one Presiding Officer taking this decision by himself one could say that it was faulty, for after all he is only a human being and has certain limitations. But here it was the decision of 26 Presiding Officers and when I had made a reference to that, the matter should have ended. I am, however, surprised to find that reflections have been cast on the Chair in a leading article in the "Prabhat" dated the 4th May, 1957.

To cast reflections on a matter which has come before the House in the form of a ruling, I think, is not proper......

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May I ask whether the decision of the Presiding Officers' Conference which I quoted in my ruling was also influenced by our Chief Minister ? I fail to understand how far it was proper to cast such a reflection on the Chair. I have myself been a journalist and there are some very responsible persons in our press gallery but I do not think that they have kept themselves within proper limits.

The daily "Partap" in its issue dated the 5th May, writes:—

"A Deputy Minister of the Punjab who is a member of the Punjab Legislative Council, was attending a meeting of the Punjab Assembly when Lala Jagat Narain drew the attention of the Speaker to the fact..........The Speaker, thereupon, ruled that if the Chief Minister could declare that the Cabinet included the Deputy Minister then the latter could sit in the House even though he might not be a member of the Assembly."

The words used in that ruling were "declared by the Chief Minister"

"The Speaker, thus, gave the verdict(fatwa) that a Deputy Minister could take his seat in the Assembly. At this Lala Jagat Narain raised a point of order whether a verbal declaration by the Chief Minister carried the status of a constitutional declaration as published in the Government Gazette".

For me the question was whether any declaration had been made by the Government in this behalf. On this the Leader of the House remarked that he has issued orders that the notification be published in the Government Gazette. The hon. Member then retorted that he was making a wrong statement.

"The Speaker, thereupon, remarked that he was satisfied that the action required by the Rules of Procedure had been taken......"

The editorial says that I should have adjourned the House and sent for a copy of the Gazette concerned.

"With apologies to the hon. Speaker, I should like to submit that it appeared from his conduct that he wanted to pull the Chief Minister out of a delicate position".

I have not been able to understand how he was placed in a delicate position. It was a technical thing and he could issue instructions from the House that notification be published on that very day in the official gazette. There is no question of a delicate position. Have the Opposition members been deprived of their rights or has any encroachment been made upon the rights of the members of this House ?

"It was actually pointed out by Shri Prabodh Chandra to the Speaker that the problem remained unsolved in spite of his coming to the aid of the Chief Minister. The procedure for the Speaker is that he should treat the Government and the Opposition on equal footing and treat the Government like the Opposition as one of the parties".

Before I refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges, I would like to consult the Press representatives in this connection and being a journalist myself I consider it necessary to do so. Besides this, if any Members would like to give their suggestions in this matter they should see me in my room. I do not want that reports published in newspapers against Members or for that matter against the Chair, should go unnoticed. I may assure the members of this House that they enjoy the same status and privileges which are enjoyed by the members of the House of Commons.

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I consulted the Law Department and ascertained from it the legal interpretation of the word "declaration". They told me that declaration meant an announcement made by the Government.

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He (the Deputy Minister) could be called a stranger if he had not been a member of the Council of Ministers, the question of calling him a stranger does not arise.

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I had to enquire from the Chief Minister whether he had issued instructions that notification be published and when he said that he had done so, then it does not behove any Member to say that he is telling a lie.

(Debate dated 6th May, 1957).

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The hon. Members are already aware that a mention was made in the House, the other day, about some newspapers, which had published leading articles criticising the ruling of the Chair. Two newspapers were particularly mentioned which had transgressed the limits of their due rights while expressing their views in connection with the Deputy Minister's case. They said certain things which were derogatory to the House and the Chair. I had stated that before referring this matter to the Committee of Privileges, I considered it proper to refer it to the Press Gallery Committee of the House for their opinion. I invited their opinion in respect of only one article of the 'Prabhat' but they drew my attention to several other articles which had been written subsequently and couched in a still worse language. They took those articles too into consideration. They were clearly and unanimously of the opinion that the said Newspaper had gone much beyond the proper limits. In the opinion of the Committee it is a matter of Privilege and, therefore, I am referring it to the Committee of Privileges for opinion. Personally I had no mind to pursue this matter any further. But afterwards two more such articles came to my notice. Keeping them in view the matter is being entrusted to the Committee for opinion and examination and report.

As regards the article published in the daily 'Partap' it was fully examined by the Committee. There were one or two lines in the whole article which were considered undesirable and the Committee took objection to them. The rest of the article was not considered objectionable. I have, therefore, decided to leave off this Newspaper with a warning and this is the advice which was tendered to me by the Press Gallery Committee.

(Debate dated 14th May, 1957).

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Hon. Members, you are aware that certain articles were written and published in the 'Daily Prabhat' and an objection was taken to them in this House. That matter was referred to the Privileges Committee which presented its report to this House a few days back. Yesterday, the Editor and Proprietor of the aforesaid Newspaper met me in my Chamber and expressed his regret on the publication of those articles. He also stated that it was not his intention

to cast any reflection on the Speaker and that the articles had been published inadvertently. Today he has also expressed his regret in the columns of that Newspaper and that runs like this

"EXPRESSION OF REGRET IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN ARTICLES IN THE 'PRABHAT' REGARDING THE RULING OF THE SPEAKER OF THE PUNJAB ASSEMBLY

The Privileges Committee has taken an objection to the publication of those articles in the 'Daily Prabhat' published on 4th, 9th and 10th May, 1957 which were in connection with the ruling of the Speaker and they (Privileges Committee) have considered them a reflection on the dignity of the House. We regret that such articles were written as should not have been written. We had never any intention to criticise the ruling of the Speaker and we express our regret on all such things as have been considered objectionable".

In view of this I think this matter may, with the pleasure of the House, be dropped. I feel that in this way the purpose of the Privileges Committee is also served. Since he has expressed his regret in very unequivocal and unambiguous words, I think, we should accept it. I for one am satisfied with it.

(Debate dated 28th May, 1957).

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REGARDING TIME GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PARTIES ON THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET

Before I adjourn the House, I want to bring one thing to your notice and that is that the Members of some Groups of the Opposition have staged a walk-out on the ground that they did not get time to speak during the discussion of the Budget. I have got the details about the time given to various groups. The general discussion on the Budget took place on three days, i.e., 13th, 14th and 15th May, lasting 14 hours and 57 minutes. Out of the total strength of 117 Members of the Congress Benches (without me) 35 Members, including the Finance Minister, took part in the discussion speaking for 10 hours and 19 minutes. Then out of 34 Members of the Opposition Groups , 18 Members spoke and they took 4 hours and 38 minutes which works out to about one third of the total time. Out of the members of the groups staging a walk out, 50 per cent participated in the discussion. If, in spite of so much consideration and concession given to them by the Chair, they labour under some misunderstanding and adopt an unreasonable attitude, then, I am sorry to say, I will have to be strict. They cannot misinterpret their privileges and claim more than their due. It is true that the Opposition has a right to get time. But when it gets more time than is due to it, then it is really a matter of regret if it behaves like that. All these things will be mentioned in the bulletin. It is not possible that only the Members of the Opposition groups be permitted to speak and only one side be represented here. This is wrong.

(Debate dated 15th May, 1957).

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## WHETHER THE MINISTERS COULD BE COMPELLED TO GIVE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

It was held that this could not be done as the Speaker could not exercise authority, under the Rules, over the Ministers to elicit replies out of them.

## WHETHER A MEMBER COULD MOVE A RESOLUTION IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MEMBER IN WHOSE NAME IT STANDS

On 23rd May, 1957, S. Atma Singh moved the resolution standing in the name of Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar who was absent but had authorised the former in writing to move it.

An objection was raised and it was held by the Chair that any member could do so provided the sponsor authorised him in writing to do so.

(Debate dated 23rd May, 1957)

## WHETHER A PUBLIC SERVANT WHO COULD NOT DEFEND HIMSELF IN THE HOUSE COULD BE CRITICISED INDIVIDUALLY BY ANY HON. MEMBER

On the 27th May, 1957, the Minister for Consolidation and Health raised an objection whether an officer who could not defend himself in the House could be criticised by an hon. Member.

It was held that while speaking on General Administration the performance of duties by an officer in his official and administrative capacity could be criticised.

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"References to or levelling of allegations or charges against individuals unable to defend themselves in the House should generally be avoided.

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I would like to say one thing. Chaudhri Suraj Mal had raised a point of order about the things said by Chaudhri Dharam Singh Rathi. I had given a reply to his objection at that time. However, in order to satisfy him still further I have consulted the Rules of Procedure which lay down that the character and conduct of any officer cannot be discussed here except in his official or administrative capacity. He narrated such things which pertained to the discharge of the duties of the official concerned. For example, he stated that he had indulged in favouritism and so on and so forth. I have consulted once again the Rules of Procedure to satisfy you. These things fall under administrative criticism and not under personal character or conduct."

(Debate dated 27th May, 1957)

## REGARDING REQUESTS BY MINISTERS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN FURNISHING REPLIES TO STARRED QUESTIONS

In future, I would like that whenever a question is called in respect of which an extension of time for furnishing reply has been sought, the Minister concerned should state that fact in the House itself because many a time it so happens that requests for such extensions are received late and consequently necessary indication is not given in my Agenda by the office.

(Debate dated 24th October, 1957)

## No partial acceptance of an amendment by Government

No amendment can be partially accepted by the Government. It has to be accepted as a whole.

(Debate dated 25th October, 1957)

## Discussion on the Principles of a Bill at 3rd Reading Stage

The principle of a Bill cannot be opposed at its 3rd reading stage.
(Debate dated 25th October, 1957)

## Discussion on the Upper House

The Upper House cannot be discussed except on a specific Resolution.
(Debate dated 25th October, 1957)

## Question of Privilege regarding the Detention of Certain Members

I want to refer to the Privilege Motion received by me the other day from Chaudhri Inder Singh and some other hon. Members and also the representations from some hon. Members who are under detention sent to me seeking my intervention so that I could secure their presence in the House. I have studied this matter very carefully, basing my study on May's Parliamentary Practice, Robert Luce's book on Legislative Assemblies, the decisions of our own High Courts as also the practice and conventions followed in the Lok Sabha. But before giving my decision I wanted to obtain the views of the Legal Remembrancer and the Advocate-General. I received their opinions yesterday and my ruling is as follows—

The extent of the privilege of freedom from arrest including detention of Members of any legislative institution varies from country to country. In the United Kingdom at one time the privilege extended to detentions or arrests in both criminal and civil cases, but during the last century arrests and detentions in criminal cases have been excluded from the purview of the privilege and the privilege now covers cases of arrests or detention in civil cases only.

As the hon. Members are aware we have not got any special legislation on privilege. Under Article 194(3), however, in the absence of any specific legislation, our privileges are the same as those of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom and of its Members and Committee at the commencement of our Constitution. Therefore, in determining this matter I have to rely on the practice and conventions of the House of Commons and the decisions of our High Courts.

A similar question arose in England. Captain Ramsay, a Member of the House of Commons, was detained without trial by an executive order under regulation 18-B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, during the last Great War. This case was referred to the Committee of Privileges of the House which did not recognise the privilege claimed by Captain Ramsay against such detention. The Committee in its report to the House summed up its conclusion as follows:—

> The precedents lend no support to the view that Members of Parliament are exempted by privilege of Parliament from detention under

**Regulation 18-B of Defence (General) Regulations, 1939. Preventive arrest under statutory authority by executive order is not within the principle of the cases to which the privilege from arrest has been decided to extend . To claim that the privilege extends to such cases would either be the assertion of a new parliamentary privilege or an unjustified extension of an existing one.**

This is a comparatively recent decision and lays down the authority in this respect which is followed in this country. In fact, this decision was quoted in a case in the Calcutta High Court presided over by Chief Justice Harries reported in A.I.R. 1952(Calcutta) at page 632. Following the English precedent it has been held in the Indian Parliament also that the immunity from arrest does not extend to other than civil cases in Deshpande's case (House of People Debate, Part II, dated 23rd July, 1952, column 4425). In so far as India is concerned, a provision exempting members of legislative bodies from arrest and detention under the Civil processes has found legislative recognition in Section 136-A of the Code of Civil Procedure. But there is no immunity from arrest in criminal cases. There is no provision for that purpose either in the Criminal Procedure Code or the Indian Penal Code.

The matter, in fact, has not been left in doubt in cases of Preventive Detention. Detention under the Preventive Dentention Legislation partakes more of a criminal than of a civil character. It has been held in A.I.R., 1951, Madras, 269 that preventive arrest under statutory authority by an executive order does not fall within the principle of cases to which the privilege of freedom from arrest has been decided to extend. No question of any infringement of the privilege of freedom of speech arises. The arrest of a Member in order to effect preventive detention would be lawful and it would not be a breach of privilege. The case I have referred to was followed by another Division Bench of the Madras High Court, reported in A.I.R. 1952, Madras, 117. It was held:—

> A Member of the Legislative Assembly can claim no privilege from arrest and the detention under Preventive Detention Legislation. Once a Member of the Legislative Assembly is arrested and lawfully detained though without actual trial under any Preventive Detention Act, there can be no doubt that under the law, as it stands, he cannot be permitted to attend the sittings of the House.

Again , a special Bench of the Calcutta High Court consisting of eminent Judges such as Harries, Chief Justice, Das and Das Gupta, Judges examined this question at great length and came to the same conclusion.

It must also be remembered that the privilege of Parliament is granted on ground of public policy and is not to be used to the detriment of the public. "Privilege of Parliament is granted in regard of the service of the Commonwealth and is not to be used to the danger of the Commonwealth" (May's Parliamentary Practice page 78).

The only privileges that a detained Member has, are the privileges of having the factum of his arrest or detention communicated to the Speaker and of corresponding with the Legislature and of making representations to the Speaker, etc., and no executive authority can withhold such correspondence.

In view of the statement of the Law as I have made, the representations of the Hon'ble Detenue Members have no force and their detention and consequently their inability to attend the session of the Vidhan Sabha do not involve any breach of the privileges of this House. Nor am I able to give my consent to the raising of the question of privilege.

(Debate dated 25th October, 1957)

REGARDING THE WALK-OUT STAGED BY SOME MEMBERS BELONGING TO THE OPPOSITION GROUPS ON 28TH OCTOBER, 1957

Certain hon. Members staged a walk-out yesterday when I did not agree to give consent to a question of privilege. I do not approve of it, because if such things continue to occur, the system of parliamentary democracy cannot work successfully. I had informed them that according to the information received from the Government the Member (Shri Lal Chand) had been taken out of Chandigarh by the Police under section 23 of the Police Act and section 149 of the Criminal Procedure Code with a view to preventing him from committing an offence. But if in spite of this they had a feeling that he was arrested they should have come to me in my Chamber and convinced me about it. I have an open mind and it is open to conviction. Even now I would request the hon. Members who had staged a walk-out to meet me in my Chamber at any time and convince me about two or three points, viz., whether any F.I.R. was lodged, if so, when, whether he was arrested, if so, when and before which Magistrate was he produced as is required to be done under the law which lays down that the arrested person must be produced before a Magistrate within 24 hours of his arrest. After that, I myself will take up the matter with the Government. But no useful purpose is served by staging a walk-out. So far as the question of legal interpretation of the matter is concerned, the hon. Members need not go into it. To me only the facts should be put up and not the legal interpretations. I would, therefore, again request those hon. Members to see me in my Chamber. They may fix up some time and satisfy me about their view point.

(Debate dated 29th October, 1957)

WHETHER A MEMBER OF THE PANEL OF CHAIRMEN OCCUPYING THE CHAIR BE ADDRESSED AS MR. SPEAKER

On 29th October, 1957, when the Minister for Finance addressed a Member of the Penal of Chairmen occupying the Chair as 'Mr. Speaker', Sardar Prem Singh 'Prem' raised the point, and Shri Prabodh Chandra supported it, that he should not be addressed as 'Mr. Speaker' but as 'Mr. Chairman'.

It was held that if the Speaker was in the Chair, he should be addressed as 'Mr. Speaker'. But when the Deputy Speaker or the Chairman occupied the Chair they should be addressed as 'Mr. Deputy Speaker' and 'Mr. Chairman ', respectively.

(Debate dated 29th October, 1957)

### Regarding walk-out staged by certain Members when the Governor was to Address both the Houses Assembled together

On the 11th February, 1958, Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann, had sought to raise a question of privilege regarding conduct of certain Members who on the 10th February, 1958, created rowdy scene and made an effort to prevent the Governor from speaking when Members of both the Houses were assembled together. Although the Speaker reserved his ruling on the motion, yet he observed :

> "I have seen the notice of this Privilege Motion. I require time to study its technical and constitutional aspects. I hope the Hon. Members would fully agree with me in this. I am not much worried about what happened yesterday, because the Opposition Groups played the part of an Opposition. After all this is a democracy and in it the Opposition as also the Treasury Benches have to function. Walk-outs take place in the Parliament in England and also in the Legislatures of our country. However, this matter, whether the walk-outs amount to a contempt of the House or not, was discussed in the Conference of the Presiding Officers and after careful consideration decisions were taken on it.
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> As a Presiding Officer and knowing full well what decorum should be observed by this House towards the Constitutional Head of the State, I personally feel very sorry over that affair. I think we should maintain and uphold the principles of democracy. What guidance the conventions and precedents like this would offer to the coming generations? I very much regret the incident. It is up to the hon. Members—whether on the Treasury or on the Opposition Benches—to make democracy a success. The Chair can discharge its duties properly only if its dignity is duly maintained by them.
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> I am sorry for what happened yesterday in the presence of the Constitutional Head when he came to address the Legislature. If such things continue to happen here, then this will be the queerest democracy in the whole of India.
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> I want to study this matter and I have to look up the previous precedents having a bearing on the subject.
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> I will give my ruling after carefully going through all the records."

(Debate dated 11th February, 1958.)

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On the 14th March, 1958, Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann withdrew, with the permission of the House his privilege motion, the notice of which was

given by him on the 11th February, 1958, and instead moved a substantive motion to the same effect. Upon this the Speaker observed:—

" Hon. Members, as you are aware, on the previous motion on the subject which Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann sought to move, it was the Speaker who was to give his ruling on it. But I was rather hestitant to do so because the matter referred to therein was of great constitutional importance. So I requested the Mover that he should leave it to the House to express its opinion as after all this was a vital and important constitutional issue, and I wanted to be sure about the exact constitutional practices and conventions in the House of Commons, in other State Legislatures and in the Lok Sabha.

I discussed this matter with the Speaker and the Secretary of the Lok Sabha on the telephone and they invited me to Delhi to discuss in greater detail such trends in the democratic institutions of the country which are, as a matter of fact passing through transitional stages and are in the process of development. Accordingly, I went to Delhi and discussed this matter with them in detail.

The Governor symbolizes the constitutional authority of the State and he comes here in this House as a part of this House to perform those duties. He has to discharge his duties under the Constitution and an affront to the Governor is an affront to the Constitution because when a Member swears he swears that he will abide by the Constitution.

Another matter has been raised by the Hon. Mover of the motion that walk-outs by Members may be permissible. I beg to differ in this respect. The question of walk-outs was discussed at the Presiding Officers Conference in detail. It was decided that walk-outs were not proper and were, as a matter of fact, un-constitutional. The Governor is the Constitutional Head of the State and does not belong to any party. He comes here to perform his constitutional duty. If the Members have any grievances to ventilate, they can do so when the Governor is performing his executive duties outside the Legislature. When he comes in the Legislature, he comes as a part of the Legislature to perform his constitutional duty.

After the Committee has finalized its Report, I will try to present it to the House at its earliest sitting for discussion and the Hon. Members will have an ample opportunity to express their opinion on the Report. In view of this, I have no objection to the question being looked into by a Special Committee of the House.

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The Leader of the Opposition has somehow entertained a misunderstanding that this motion is directed against some individual Member or it is meant to harass someone. So far as I, as Speaker or Presiding Officer of this House, am concerned, I have to deal

with its Members in the day-to-day matters in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. The development which has taken place and the question which has been raised in this connection involves many constitutional and procedural issues which have to be gone into and settled. There is a constitutional lacuna which has been brought to your notice and it is to be seen as to what can be done in this behalf.

The Leader of the Opposition has felt that it is perhaps against some-individual Member. I can assure you that so long as I am Speaker, I will not permit any motion to be moved which is based on vindictiveness or which intends to inflict any punishment on any person in a clandestine manner.

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Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann has raised a very important constitutional issue and I think such an important point has not come up in the Assembly during the last four or five years. You have the liberty to express your opinions on it and the House will thereafter give its verdict. So motives should not be imputed to any one. The *Ad hoc* Committee which is going to be constituted would study all the procedural and constitutional aspects thoroughly. You will also be in that Committee.

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Ours is an infant democracy. We have been working this democratic system for the last nine or ten years only. I have studied the constitutional history of England of the last 600 years. There the Speaker had to face very hard and difficult times. On the one side, he was answerable to the King, while on the other to the House of Commons. If he did not comply with the wishes of the King, he was sent to the Jail and if he did not obey the commands of the House, he was sent to the Tower. So the Speaker there at one time was in a predicament as to whose orders he should obey. One Speaker disobeyed the King and he was beheaded.

It will be admitted that it is not possible to frame perfect or fool-proof rules. Howsoever diligently and attentively you might draft them, one lacuna or another will be found in them. Therefore, conventions will have to be set up and loopholes plugged. A decision has been taken at the Presiding Officers' Conference that the Members should be given training in the parliamentary work so that they may be able to understand, appreciate and slove the constitutional and democratic difficulties. If you want to see the relevant proceedings, I am prepared to show them to you.

The Mover has done well in not referring to the conduct of any individual Members in his motion. First of all the constitutional issue should be settled and thereafter it would be seen whether any member has done anything unconstitutional or objectionable, and if so; what action should be taken against him. You will be consulted in this behalf and there is nothing wrong in it".

(Debate, dated 14th March, 1958)

## Strangers not permitted to enter and sit in the Lobbies

On 3rd March, 1958, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, raised a point of order complaining that strangers were frequently seen in the lobbies thus making it difficult for the members to hold consultations amongst themselves.

It was held that no one excepting members of the Parliament and other Legislatures, Journalists and Press representatives having permission of the Speaker were permitted to enter the lobbies.

(Debate dated 3rd March, 1958.)

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## News item in the " Hind Samachar " regarding the display of Disc with the State Emblem on the Speaker's Car

" Hon. Members, as pointed out by Pandit Gorakh Nath Ji, there has appeared a news item in the Hind Samachar under the caption "Punjab Assembly Speaker's Car ". Those who regularly read the newspapers might know that the " Blitz" also published such an item under the caption " Target of the day-Speaker" stating that on the official disc of the Speaker's car only the word " Speaker " is written at the bottom which smacks of pomp and show; the car has not been registered and the taxes in respect of this car have not been paid and what authority has the Speaker got to do that? Today a similar news item has appeared in the Hind Samachar. The Blitz published that news item in its issue, dated the 21st September, 1957, and Pandit Shri Ram Sharma brought it to my notice. He did well in enquiring from me about it. I told him that there was no truth in it. Now the newspaper in which this news item has appreared this time is being published by Lala Jagat Narain's son. Therein it is mentioned that the word " Speaker " written below the State Emblem on the official disc of the car is a show, just a cinema show.

He has further written whether the Speaker has been exempted from the provision regarding the registration of the cars. Such like other things are also mentioned in it.

One thing I would like to point out. I sent a written reply to the Blitz. I told Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, the Leader of the Opposition, that sometimes misunderstandings like this do occur or are created. I have a great regard for the Blitz newspaper. By making constructive criticism this newspaper has done a great service. The headquarters of this weekly is located at Bombay. Their correspondent sent certain material from here and they published it. But the editor of the Hind Samachar could easily make an enquiry about it from me. In this connection, I wish to place the full facts before the House.

In the Warrant of Precedence, the Chairman, the Speaker and the Chief Justice come next to the Chief Minister and after that come the Ministers. Accordingly, Sardar Kapur Singh, who was the Speaker was allotted No. 2. Dr. Satya Pal, his successor and my predecessor did not own a car. After that when I took over as Speaker, I had a car. I had a car even before I became Speaker.

Many eminent persons and dignitaries come from outside to visit the State and attend State functions. They are to be received at one place and then we have to rush to another place. On my car since there was neither a disc with the State Emblem nor any official number, it was included in ordinary cars. Therefore, I wrote a letter to Lala Jagat Narain, then Transport Minister, to the following effect—

"You will appreciate that the conditions which necessitate the assignment of distinctive registration marks in the case of Ministers' cars equally hold good in the case of Speaker's car and there are apparently no reasons for treating him differently in this respect. I might add that even though I have a flag flying in the front of my car I have often been mistaken as some dignitary or Minister from some other State. It is only the State Emblem in back and front which would establish, while I am travelling in my car, my identity as some one belonging to this State.

I do not think that it makes any difference whether the car is one privately-owned or an official one. Such special registration marks were used in the past by the Ministers and the Speaker even when they had cars of their own.

I shall be grateful if you direct your department to assign a special registration mark for my car like those assigned to Ministers according to the Warrant of Precedence. I would not mind if some alternative number is assigned to me such as 2-A or Legislature 1 or 2......"

As I have already stated Dr. Satya Pal's predecessor was given No. 2 and the State Emblem. Every Minister's car has a disc with the State Emblem and State Number at its bottom. They have got their separate registration numbers.

While acknowledging this letter on the 13th September, 1954, Lalaji informed me that he had put it up to the Chief Minister, Shri Bhim Sen Sachar, for his consideration. Afterwards, his Secretary informed that while No. 2 could not be allotted by the Government to me, they would be prepared to substitute the word "Speaker" in place of that number at the bottom of the disc. I, however, raised an objection saying that No. 2 was meant for me, why it had been assigned to the Deputy Leader or the Deputy Chief Minister and further why the correct number had not been given to me.

In other States like Assam and Bihar the word "Speaker" is written at the bottom of the disc. The practice there was that the word "Minister" was written at the bottom of the disc displayed on the Ministers' cars. I said that if there was a precedent, I had no objection to the proposal made by the Government. Then my Secretary, Dr. Bedi, informed the Secretary, Transport Department,—*vide* his letter, dated the 30th May, 1955 that :

"I have consulted the Speaker who agrees that the disc may have the word "Speaker" written in place of the figure '2' as in the sample enclosed".

This case was kept pending for a year and a half for discussion between the Chairman and myself. After that a letter, dated the 3rd January, 1956, was received from Shri Budhwar, Provincial Transport Controller saying :

"The suggestion made therein for the display of crest has been approved by Government. Necessary arrangements for the display of the same may kindly be made".

Another letter was sent to the Transport Department under my instructions on the 9th January, 1956, forwarding a rough sketch of the disc which was somewhat different from that used by the Ministers. The disc on the basis of that rough sketch were got prepared. I may point out that this practice is also prevalent in other States.

The second thing was that the Chief Justice was also not allotted the number according to his position in the Warrant of Precedence. The word "Chief Justice" is, therefore, written at the bottom of the plate displayed on his car. Similarly, the word "Chairman" is written at the bottom of the official disc of the Chairman.

So considering it to be quite reasonable and since it was simply a question of fixing the disc, I accepted this proposal. I wonder why this position has been exploited ? After all, the Chief Justice owns a car and so does the Chairman of the Legislative Council. But no body has dared to level such criticism in respect of their cars. Only I have been made the target of criticism by the paper and that too without its having gone into the background of the case.

Apart from this, I have had a car of my own since before my election as Speaker. It has been registered at Amritsar. Even after assuming this office, I have owned a car which has been duly registered at Amritsar. Here is its Registration Certificate. Moreover, the pomp and show is not of Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon in his personal capacity. It is with a view to maintaining the dignity of the Presiding Officer of this August House that this disc is being used. When the caption appearing in the Blitz came to my notice, I thought that it might have been some error of the representative of that paper that created the misunderstanding in the mind of its editor. But such an unhappy thing should not have been repeated in a case in which the father of the proprietor of the Paper was a Member of this House. His son could have verified the facts from me. It was his own father who, in his capacity as the Minister for Transport, allotted this disc to me. It was he who took the decision that the Speaker should display this disc on his car. In such circumstances, to comment that this is pomp and show, the car has not been registered and that the tax in respect of it has not been paid is nothing short of perversion of facts. I take this opportunity to make it clear to you, Hon. Members, that the day I do not pay the registration fee, etc., I will not consider myself fit to hold this office and I will vacate this Chair (*Cheers*) and if they want, I will be willing to serve in the office of this newspaper for six months without getting any remuneration from it.

I drive the car myself. I used to drive it when I was not the Speaker. And now I am criticised for driving my own car ; if it is argued why does the Speaker drive his car when no Minister or other Speaker has been seen doing so, such criticism or argument on the face of it is highly unreasonable,

frivolous and senseless. If tomorrow, a story like this is published in the papers that the Speaker drives his car without a licence, you can imagine how ridiculous it would look. How ridiculous and malicious does it look if criticism of this type of the Speaker is made. Well, if you can qoute any law which prevents the Speaker from driving it personally, then of course, I will be prepared to abandon this practice. I had been driving, as I have stated earlier, my car before even taking over as Speaker. I drive sometimes even now and will be doing so even in future. There is nothing which prevents me from doing so. But I am pained at this and wish that such ugly things should not be repeated in future. I have followed the practice adopted by the Chief Justice, other dignitaries and the Presiding Officers of other States. I will, however, have no objection if the Government gives me an official number. The only difficulty would be that in the absence of any distinctive mark, whenever I would be required to participate in any function I might not be able to take my car to a place reserved for parking of cars of dignitaries and would have to keep it outside. In this way, I might reach late on such occasions and if immediately after the conclusion of one function I have to be present at another place to receive some dignitary I might be late or perhaps might also remain absent. I wonder why such ridiculous and unsavoury comments have been made. After all, the Chief Justice and the Speaker do not hold any political office. This is the question of your dignity, the dignity and prestige of the House. It is not a personal affair of Gurdial Singh Dhillon. It is a matter of the prestige of the Speaker".

(Debate dated 13th March, 1958.)

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(i) REGARDING THE STARRED QUESTIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH REPLIES DO NOT COME IN TIME AND THE MINISTERS APPLY FOR EXTENSION OF TIME.

(ii) CONSTITUTION OF A COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE.

On the 12th September, 1958, a question was raised that the replies to Starred Questions, notices of which were sent to Government sufficiently in advance, were not received in time and that the Ministers still asked for further extension of time. The Speaker observed :—

"This question is raised in every session. We had devised certain measures to deal with it, and the Government had given an assurance in this connection. They have been forwarding to my Secretariat copies of all the circulars and notifications issued by them to the Departments. Only recently I received a copy of a strongly-worded circular which asked the officers to supply the requisite information, with promptitude.

Under the Rules of Procedure, Questions may be asked by giving 15 days' notice. After being scrutinized in the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, the admitted questions are forwarded to various Government Departments without any delay. The Rules Committee considered whether the notice period for asking questions should be raised but it decided not to do so.

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In the last Session, the procedure of reprinting the starred questions, postponed during a particular week and bringing them up again before the House in the next week was adopted so that the postponed questions may not, in effect, become unstarred questions ultimately. It was also decided that where the Government applied for extension, it must give reasons therefor, so that in case any one objected to the postponement, I might state the reasons as given. However, this has not been acted upon.

I have to say a few words to the hon. Members too. Some of them have beaten the record in giving notices of questions. My Secretariat is not adequately staffed and they have to sit late at night. Sardar Atma Singh sends in notices of hundreds of questions although he knows that only three questions of a Member can be included in the list of Starred Questions for any one sitting of the Sabha. At this rate, the number for a month will be 90, but he sends in hundreds of them. In this way labour goes waste. Moreover, officers too find it difficult to collect information for the preparation of replies. Consequently, the questions lose their importance to a considerable extent. To find a way out, I propose to constitute a special committee for this purpose, on which all sides of the House—Treasury Benches, Opposition Party and other groups—will be represented. I do not blame the Government because they have been issuing notifications, circulars, etc. at frequent intervals. I will show these to the House. Issuing of circulars and notifications every week does not look proper. If that is done, they lose their importance. The proposed committee will consider this question and suggest methods to tackle it effectively".

(Debate dated 12th September, 1958).

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On the 15th September, 1958, the Speaker informed the House that he had nominated a Committee consisting of all sections of the House to consider matters relating to questions and their answers in the House and called its meeting. This Committee would thoroughly look into every aspect of the problem—the mode of sending in notices and the methods of working of the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat and the Government in this respect—and recommend as to what should be done to avoid delay.

(Debate dated 15th September, 1958).

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QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE :

D.O. LETTER WRITTEN BY THE CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO SOME HON. MEMBERS.

"I have received again a notice of a privilege motion in connection with the controversy going on between the hon. Members and the Chief Parliamentary Secretary. I have had a talk over this matter with him and I find that he had some misconception of his position both as a Chief Whip and the Chief Parliamentary Secretary. I called some hon. Members including the Leader of the Opposition and leaders of the groups in Opposition

to my chamber and arranged a meeting between them and the Chief Parliamentary Secretary. The misunderstanding has been removed as a result of their mutual talk and the Chief Parliamentary Secretary has expressed his regret.

I want to make it clear that so far as the privileges and rights of the hon. Members are concerned I am not prepared to compromise them at any cost. It is a different thing if the Opposition differ from the Government policy and Government turn down their view point. But so far as the privileges of the hon. Members, directly or indirectly, are concerned, I will safeguard them and it is my responsibility to do so.

The Chief Parliamentary Secretary issued that letter under some misunderstanding, making use of Government stationery. He has realized his mistake and expressed his regret over it. The hon. Members who assembled in my chamber, also accepted his regret. So, I think, this matter should now be dropped".

(Debate dated 15th September, 1958.)

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REGARDING DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

"Before we proceed with the discussion of the Governor's Address, I would like to place before the hon. Members certain important points. I think the hon. Members on the Treasury Benches as well as the Opposition side would give due consideration to them.

During the discussion on the Governor's Address matters are discussed which concern all the Ministers, but it is noticed that only one or two Ministers remain in the Chamber while others go out and attend to other work. I do not approve of this practice. The points that are raised during discussion relate to the departments of almost all the Ministers. Such things are mentioned by the Members as must be listened to by the Ministers. It is, therefore, necessary that the Ministers should remain in the Chamber during the discussion. But , at the same time it is the duty of the Members as well that they should not try to persuade the Ministers to leave the Chamber and go to their rooms to listen to them.

Then, I would request the Press also that they should try to inculcate discipline in the minds of the people if we have to work in this democratic set-up. As a matter of fact it so happens that so many persons come to meet the hon. Members during the session days that it becomes difficult for them to find time for studying papers connected with the business before the House. Consequently, when they make speeches they go wide of the mark and speak irrelevant things. They try to convince the House by shouting rather than by advancing arguments based on a thorough study of the subject under discussion beforehand.

I would appeal to the public also to see that the precious time of the Members and the Ministers is not wasted in their meeting only one or two persons. The time of the House is decidedly more precious than the time of one or two persons. If the time is wasted in this way, then the interest of our State having a population of one-and-a-half or two crores is bound to suffer, which in fact should not be allowed. (*Cheers*). Here I think the Press can play an important role by educating the public and inculcating discipline in the minds of the people.

I would also request the Ministers that if it becomes necessary for them to meet some persons they should set apart some time for this purpose because I think wasting the time of the House in this way, is tantamount to an insult to the House (*Cheers*).

I wish to say one thing more and that is, that if anybody has got a complaint to make and he wants it to reach an M.L.A. or an hon. Minister at the earliest, then for this purpose a box may be provided in which the aggrieved person may put his complaint. By doing so, much of their time can easily be saved.

Besides this, when sometimes a motion is brought before the House, for discussion, the Ministers happen to be absent from the House and for this reason the same cannot be discussed. I, therefore, request all the Members and the Ministers to remember that their duty is to serve the interests of the State and for that they should bear in mind what I have stated above."

(Debate dated 16th February, 1959).

## REGARDING ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIES AT THE MEETINGS OF THE SABHA

On the 17th February, 1959, Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann, made a request to the Chair to ask the Government to direct its Administrative Secretaries/ Heads of Departments to be present in the House during the course of discussion of their respective Departments. The Speaker made the following observations :—

" Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann has made a very useful suggestion. It would afford me great pleasure if the Ministers ask their Secretaries also to attend the meetings of the Sabha and hear the discussions. Yesterday I had made an appeal to hon. Ministers on this subject and am pleased to find that excepting the Chief Minister all other Ministers are present in the House. I think that whereas the presence of the Ministers during the discussion on the Governor's Address and General Discussion on the Budget is extremely necessary, the attendance of the Secretaries of their respective departments is also equally essential. I, therefore, feel that the Administrative Secretaries of Departments should also attend the meetings of the Sabha".

(Debate dated 17th February, 1959.)

## REGARDING ADMISSIBILITY OF QUESTIONS ON ELECTRICITY / ELECTRICITY BOARD

On the 17th February, 1959, a point of order having been raised about the admissibility of questions concerning the Electricity Board , the Minister for Irrigation and Power explained the position and then the Speaker observed :

"The position as taken up by the hon. Minister is that the Board has been constituted in view of the provisions of an enactment of the Parliament and that it was not within the purview of the State Legislature to question the validity of that. So far as the questions regarding Electricity are concerned, I would like to point out that these were admitted before the Board actually started functioning. In the case of autonomous bodies there are precedents

of this House where questions of broad policy only have been admitted and any questions in regard to the internal working or day-to-day matters have not been allowed. For example, in the case of the University, the Finance Corporation, etc., only questions dealing with policy matters have been allowed. The reason underlying this is that it is laid down in the rules regarding admissibility of questions that only those questions which deal with the subjects falling within the executive responsibility of the Ministers can be put in the Assembly. In the present case, however, the executive responsibility of the Minister concerned has been transferred to the Board and he cannot be held responsible for any acts done by it. Now for the period during which the Government was dealing with this matter, they shall be responsible for furnishing replies to questions and after the date of the transfer of those matters to the Board only questions relating to wider aspects of policy can be allowed in accordance with the precedents. But the position, however, I feel, is anomalous. The Assembly votes the Demand in respect of Electricity but at the same time it will be deprived of the right to discuss the matters relating to that autonomous body. This aspect is engaging my attention. Electricity Duty which is a tax has been levied on the people. We are responsible to the electorate and how can we avoid that responsi bility by depriving ourselves of the right to see that the tax thus collected is properly spent. Therefore, we should evolve some procedure. When the Report of the Board is laid before the House. there can be discussion on it. This, however, is not my final view, I have only explained to you the position. For the time being we should not discuss this question any further.

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As regards the point raised by hon. Members that the Board may be independent of the Finance Department but not independent of the Legislature, it is a question of legal interpretation."

(Debate dated 17th February, 1959.)

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"The difficulty is that the Department and the hon. Minister were not clear about the procedure they were to adopt.

The position, as it now stands, is that all the questions relating to the period before the date on which the Electricity Board started functioning will be answered by the hon. Minister and so far as the period subsequent to that date is concerned, questions in regard to policy matters only can be asked.

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Perhaps, the hon. Member S. Bhupinder Singh Mann did not understand me properly. What I said was that taxes were paid by the people and even if the Board had been constituted, we should try to look after the interests of the electorate. We could evolve some procedure after consulting the Lok Sabha Speaker. We could discuss the Report on the working of the Board when it was presented to the House . This was my observation.

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As regards the point raised by S. Ram Dayal Singh, the hon. Minister made it clear on that day in his reply that questions of policy or those which did not relate to the internal working of the Board could be answered. I think this is the correct position.

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I know the views of the hon. Speaker of the Lok Sabha . When he was the Deputy Speaker and Mr. Mavalankar was the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, this question was discussed. The present Speaker expressed himself very strongly in favour of discussing the reports of autonomous and semi autonomous bodies. As a matter of fact, as soon as he became the Speaker he partially introduced this practice and I know that he is very keen to allow an opportunity to Members to discuss such Reports."

(Debate dated 21st February, 1959)

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"There are two aspects of questions. So far as the questions about the internal working of the autonomous bodies are concerned, the position taken up by the Government is that such questions cannot be asked. The Government, however, concedes that questions on wider issues or policy matters in regard to which it has responsibility and power may be asked.

Questions about the day to day working of autonomous bodies such as appointment of officers, their pay, transfers and all other questions like that cannot be asked because the Minister has got no control over such matters.

As regards the discussion on the financial statement of the Board, the Minister has already conceded that discussion can be held on it when it is presented.

The rules regarding questions are very clear. According to those rules, any matter which is not within the cognizance and responsibility of the Minister cannot form the subject matter of a question and in this case the responsibility and cognizance are lacking because the Minister has got no power to interfere in the day-to-day and internal working of the Board. So how can he be held responsible for answering questions in regard to matters in respect of which he has got no power and responsibility ?"

Debate Dated 20th March, 1959.)
(Afternoon-Sitting)

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## REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF DECORUM IN THE HOUSE

" I have been extremely pained to see certain incidents in this House during the last few days. The Members on both sides of the House, whether belonging to the Treasury Benches or the Opposition, have tried to indulge in mud-slinging at each other. It ill-becomes them to behave like this in the House. There are certain things which cannot be put under check by Rules.

The result of this has been that the level of the debate has considerably gone down. I wish the hon. Members would avoid making personal attacks on one another. If they continue indulging in personal recriminations like this then the result would be that nobody in the House would be spared.

I want both the sides to behave in a dignified manner. What I find, however, is that they do not behave in a dignified manner. A member whom I might call upon to speak appears all right at first but during the course of his speech he transgresses all limits of propriety. I would, therefore, request the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition to get together and devise ways so that recurrence of such incidents is avoided. If such things happen in the presence of old parliamentarians like Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, Sardar Partap Singh Kairon and Dr. Gopi Chand Bhargava then I think the whole responsibility for all this falls on them. If charges and countercharges are levelled against each other then what impression would the public carry ? I would, therefore, request the hon. Members to try to raise the standard of the debate and maintain the dignity and decorum of the House.

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I try to stop the hon. Members from making personal attacks but my regret is that even the senior Members begin to indulge in such things.

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Even in my presence certain things are said by Membes, which result in the lowering of the standard of debate. I, therefore, feel that somebody should take the intiative in this direction. For instance, experienced parliamentarians of long standing, like Pandit Shri Ram Sharma from the Opposition and Sadar Partap Singh and Dr. Gopi Chand from the Treasury Benches, should get together to find out a solution of this problem.

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Sometimes it so happens that an hon. Member attacks a Minister. I tell him that he should do so only on a substantive motion. But the hon. Member says that he is not making any attack on the Ministers but is criticising his relatives, for instance, wife, brother, uncle, etc., who have derived undue favours on account of the position of the Minister. In such a case I have no power or authority to stop him. Sometimes sweeping remarks are made by the Members against high officers who are not present in the House to defend themselves. When I ask them to avoid such references, Sardar Bhupinder Singh rises up to assert that it is permissible to say such things and in support of his argument begins to quote certain incidents from the Lok Sabha wherein Mundhra and Mathai were freely referred to. I am, therefore, helpless in the matter. I would request you to find out a solution of this problem so that a proper atmosphere of dignity and decorum is maintained in the House. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma says that I can resolve this tangle. Certainly, I can do so provided he assures me of his full support and co-operation in the matter.

(Debate dated 21st February, 1959.)

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REGARDING STAGING OF WALK-OUTS BY THE OPPOSITION GROUPS

" It is true that in a parliamentary democracy, the Opposition has a right to stage a walk-out but I feel that this mode of protest should not be employed in the manner as it has been done hitherto. Suitable opportunities arise in the Parliamentary process when a Member or a party can express his! opinion on every matter or point. The question of walk-outs , e.g., walk-out against the ruling of the Chair, against the Government or at the time of the

Address of the Governor was discussed at the Presiding Officers' Conference. It was felt that a walk-out against the actions of the Government may be justified to some extent but if it was accompanied with uproarious noise and shouting, then it was tantamount to a contempt of the House . If at all the Members of the Opposition have to resort to this method of protest, they should stage a walk-out with a short statement of the facts that have occasioned it. I do not approve of the walk-out which has just now been staged, because it was accompanied by noise and undesirable remarks. I will bring this fact home to the Members concerned when they return to the House.

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But at the same time I would say that when the Opposition stages a walk-out no ironical or sarcastic remarks should be made from the Treasury Benches."

(Debate dated 3rd March, 1959).

REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE

"I find that the interest of the hon. Members in the House is limited to the making of their own speeches. They leave the Chamber as soon as they deliver their speeches. Only those Members are occupying their seats who have yet to speak. I had reminded them on the very first day of the Session that if they are keen that the Minister should listen to their speeches, then they should also make it a point to be present in the House. Otherwise just as the Members have left, if the Ministers also do likewise and only one of them should stay on, then this would not look proper. So if this is the interest which the Members evince in the deliberations, then it is really a matter of great regret".

(Debate dated 6th March, 1959,)

REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

" Hon. Members, I had a mind to tell you some important things in connection with the constitution of Financial Committees. but I find that the attendance in the House is very thin. Even the hon. Ministers including the Chief Minister happen to be absent and appear to be busy somewhere else. So I would better like to circulate certain facts about the practices in vogue in the House of Commons in this connection.

In fact I made these things clear while addressing the Members of the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee. I told them that they should shed off the feeling that the membership of the Financial Committees should be based on rotation. There is no question of becoming members of these Committees turn by turn in view of the intricate nature of the work and the rich experience required to tackle it. I think majority of the Members would agree with me that the quality of work done by the Financial Committees is deteriorating day by day.

It is the practice in the House of Commons that the hon. Memb continue to be the Members of the Financial Committees for a term of twen five years or so. I made a suggestion to this effect in 1954 to the then Ch Minister( Shri Bhim Sen Sachar) and he agreed with the view that the same Members of the Financial Committees should be retained from year to year so that full benefit of their experience might be derived. But here the Members

are changed every year. I may tell the House that the Members of the Financial Committees in England by reason of their experience acquire expert knowledge of the work so that the Heads of Departments cannot outwit them. But here, you are aware that the attitude of the officers is quite different because they know that the Members are only laymen and have little expert knowledge or experience about financial matters. In this conection I had a talk with the Accountant-General, Punjab, and he gave me a very fine book, namely, "The Control of Public Expenditure—Financial Committees of the House of Commons" by Basil Chubb. In this book the renowned author has given facts regarding the constitution and working of Financial Committees in the House of Commons. I will circulate an extract from this book on this subject for the information of the hon. Members. However, I would like to make a few observations here on this subject. These Committees should be constituted by the House after careful consideration. As regards the other Committees of the House any hon. Member may offer himself to serve on them but so far as these two Financial Committees are concerned only those hon. Members should get in who have got sufficient knowledge of the Public Accounts, their resources and other allied matters. But I am sorry to say that no interest is evinced by some of the Members in the working of these Committees. I may, therefore, request that only those hon. Members should contest the election to these Committees, who can afford to devote sufficient time to them. They should be able to come to attend the meetings of these Committees after every two or three weeks for transacting business for a week at a stretch at least. They should study the material carefully and come fully prepared so that the officers appearing before them should have the feeling that they are going to face Members who are much more prepared than the officers themselves. The Committees would be able to work effectively in this way only. I did not want to make these observations at this time because the attendance is very thin but as nomination papers for membership of these Committees are to be filed by the 13th of March, I have to do so today. Now I read this extract to you.

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EXTRACT FROM CHAPTER VII (RELATING TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE BOOK ENTITLED "THE CONTROL OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE—FINANCIAL COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS" BY BASIL CHUBB

Actual service on the Committee is more valuable as a criterion. There and only there can members learn their jobs, and it is certain that it takes two or three years before they can find their way about the intricate accounts. Members are usually re-elected if available and it is possible to tell if they stayed long enough to have the chance of being useful. The records of some members are truly remarkable. Sir Assheton Pownall sat for twenty-three years and it cannot be doubted that in his last three years, when he was chairman , he knew all that experience could teach him. One member sat for ninteen years and some half a dozen for over fifteen, while many serve for five to ten years. A new Parliament naturally enough brings many new members to the Committee, but normally well over half the old Committee returns to form an experienced core.

On the face of it, this is a strong committee of comparatively senior members, many of whom serve long enough to learn their job and to be useful, but this conclusion must be modified in the face of two facts. First, it seems that interest in the work of the Committee is less than it was. Second an analysis of procedure shows that the main work is done by the Chairman and at most by one or two colleagues".

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1. The following table shows the length of service of the 199 Members who served in the Sessions, 1900 to 1948-9:—

| Years | Over 1 | Over 2 | Over 3 | Over 4 | Over 5 |
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| Members | 151(75 per cent) | 112 (56 per cent) | 84 (42 per cent) | 67 (33.5 per cent) | 53 (26.5 per cent) |

2. The Committee of 1945-46 included thirteen new members and was thus practically a new body. This is the highest new intake over.

Sometimes back when I visited the United Kingdom, I met the Members of the House of Commons who had been serving on these Committees for the last twenty or twenty-five years irrespective of their party affiliations. Here the criterion is the length of time that a Member has served one political party or another. In the United Kingdom, however, they see how long is a Member's experience and how long he has worked on these financial and other Committees. That is often considered to be a sufficient qualification for returnning a Member to the Parliament again. Whenever party tickets for contesting elections are issued by the Parties, priority is given to those who have served on these Financial Committees and the issuing of tickets in this manner is not disputed there.

It may be pointed out that it is after serving on these committees for two years or more that the Members begin to follow the intricacies of the financial work they are required to handle, but here at the most after two or three years the Members find themselves replaced by new ones. So in this way the Committees function there. I would request the hon. Members to give a careful thought to this matter."

(Debate dated 11th March, 1959)

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## Admissibility of Compensatory Allowance to M.L.A. under Arrest

On the 12th March, 1959, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma sought leave to introduce the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1959, (a private Member's Bill). The Speaker made the following observations :—

"I may tell the House that in this connection the position of the Hindi Satyagrahis was got fully examined and legal opinion obtained. The legal opinion was that if the detention of a Member under the Preventive Detention Act was held legal by the Advisory Board, or the High Court or the Supreme Court, no compensatory allowance was to be paid to him for the period of detention, but where the detention of a Member was held to be illegal by the courts then the allowance had to be paid to him. This position was accepted by the Opposition. But if a Member gets himself involved in a case

and is convicted, then he has to be treated as an ordinary citizen and is governed under the ordinary law and is not paid any compensatory allowance because the first duty of a Legislator is to serve his constituency both outside and inside the House. If an hon. Member deprives his constituency of such service and representation, he deprives himself of all the rights."

(Debate dated 12th M arch, 1959)

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REGARDING PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HINDI REGIONAL COMMITTEE IN CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS

"The hon. Member, Chaudhri Sadhu Ram has done well in raising the question of privilege regarding the publication of the proceedings of the Hindi Regional Committee in certain newspapers, which mostly belong to Jullundur except the Times of India which is issued from Delhi. I have often seen such things being done by these newspapers and consequently many a Press representative has asked me to elucidate whether these can be published or not. I think it would be better if this matter is referred to the Committee of Privileges for examination. I feel that this would be the most appropriate course. I desire that the Committee should submit its report within two months."

(Debate dated 12th March, 1959)

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REGARDING PRESENCE OF C.I.D. MEN IN THE LOBBY WITH LABELS OF WATCH AND WARD STAFF

On the 16th March, 1959, a Member raised a question of privilege that some C.I.D., men wearing Watch and Ward badges entered and remained in the lobbies. The Speaker observed :—

"I may tell the House that what to talk of C.I.D. people, no outsider can enter the lobbies. If you find any stranger in the lobbies when the House is sitting it is your duty to bring this fact to my notice. However, the members of my staff have free access to the lobbies in connection with the proper dischage of their duties. But no stranger is permitted to enter the lobbies when the sitting of the Assembly is on. So if the hon. Member had seen some persons other than the Vidhan Sabha staff in the lobbies, the matter should have been reported to me or the Secretary of the Sabha at that time."

(Debate dated the 16th March, 1959)

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REGARDING THE ALLEGED LEAKAGE OF THE BUDGET

"A few days ago I had received notice of a question of privilege from Shri Ram Kishan Bharolian and his colleagues on the alleged leakage of the Budget. I had deferred my ruling on it because I wanted them to see me in my Chamber so that I might find out the real position. They, however, did not see me. Since today is the last stage of the Budget, I cannot keep the matter pending and I will give my ruling.

I cannot give my consent to this question being raised. It was alleged that the sending of the copies of the budget speeches for translation to the Public Relations Department as also to the Press through special messengers before its presentation to the House, constituted a breach of privilege of the House. In this connection, I have consulted some Members, especially Sardar Bhapinder Singh Mann, who before integration, were members of the erstwhile Pepsu Vidhan Sabha. I thought it advisable to consult them because such a question had also arisen in the erstwhile Pepsu Vidhan Sabha before merger. Besides, I have examined this point from its legal aspects as well. It is evident that the Official Secrets Act applies to all the State Services alike. All of them are bound by the provisions of that Act. The budget speech was, till the presentation of the Budget to the Sabha, with the officers and officials of the Government Departments concerned, who, as I have already stated, are bound by the Official Secrets Act. No breach can be said to have occurred unless it is proved that those officers in violation had failed to comply with the provisions of that Act and had divulged the contents of that speech before the presentation of the budget to the Sabha. In this case, the Hon. Members, who gave notice of the motion, have not been able to prove that there was as any leakage, publicity, or publication on the part of any official.

If it is contended that the giving of budget speech to the Public Relations Department for translation is a breach of privilege, then it might as well be argued that if it is given to the Press for printing purposes, it would be a breach of privilege because the Printing Department like the Public Relations Department is also a different department of the Government. If this is carried to its logical conclusion, then the budget cannot be printed at all. There has, therefore, been no breach of privilege so far as this House is concerned. Government has the fullest right to obtain assistance from its various Departments in connection with the preparation, printing, translation, etc., of the budget."

(Debate dated 19th March, 1959, Afternoon Sitting)

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## Regarding Non-supply of printed debates to the Members

Shri Harbhagwan Maudgil raised a Question of Privilege regarding non-supply of printed debates to the Members. The Speaker observed :—

"It is good that the hon. Member has brought this matter in the House in the form of a Privilege Motion. The facts and figures cited by him have already been brought to the knowledge of the hon. Minister and he has just now held out an assurance to look into the matter and make a statement in the House in a day or so. I hope this should have given some satisfaction to the hon. Member. I will also have this matter examined by the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat and we will find out a solution in the light of the procedure obtaining in the Lok Sabha. In this connection I would, however, request the hon. Minister to give top priority to the printing of Assembly business and allocate separate staff for this purpose, so that the printing of the Assembly debates is expeditiously done. The hon. Members want the debates not only for purposes of their own reference, but also for the use of their constituents. I would, however, request the mover of this Privilege Motion to see

me in my Chamber and I will explain to him the whole position Now that the Minister has assured that he would seriously take up the matter, I hope the hon. Member would not press his motion."

(Debate dated 17th March, 1959)

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On the 29th March, 1959, after the Minister for Education and Labour made a statement on the question of privilege raised on 17th March, 1959 regarding printing and supply of the Reports of the proceedings of the Vidhan Sabha, the Speaker made the following observations :—

"Besides, what has been stated by the hon. Minister in his statement, printed copies of about fourteen debates have been received in this Secretariat today also, which shows that sufficient improvement is being made by the Government in the matter. In view of what the hon. Minister said in the House yesterday and the assurance given by him today, I do not think there remains any necessity for this Privilege Motion."

(Debate dated 20th March, 1959, Morning Sitting)

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REGARDING QUESTIONS AND SU PPLEMENTARIES THEREON

"Questions are put to elicit information and if the Members are not satisfied with the information supplied to them, they can ask supplementaries in a straight forward manner for obtaining further information and not cross-examine the Minister because I think the idea is to seek information and not to corner him."

(Debate dated 20th March, 1959 Morning Sitting)

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WORK DONE BY THE SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AND THE ASSURANCES COMMITTEE

"Today the life of certain Committees of the House is going to expire. I avail myself of this opportunity to express my appreciation of the work done particularly by the Subordinate Legislation Committee and the Committee on Government Assurances. They have put in a good deal of labour and collected very useful data in their respective spheres. Indeed, they have done very important work which was needed since long. I am sure the Government will give due consideration to all those assurances given by the Ministers in the House, and mentioned by the Committee on Government Assurances in its report, on a top priority basis.

Similarly, I think, the report submitted by the Committee on Subordinate Legislation will be considered by the Government and the rules would be amended as suggested by the Committee. This is a very important thing because it relates to Delegated Legislation. I may tell the House that this point was considered in the Presiding Officers' Conference and it was decided that vigilance should be exercised over such legislation. This vigilance can be kept only

through the Committee on Subordinate Legislation. This Committee is very useful as it scrutinises the rules and points out those which go counter to the intention of the Acts. The report of the Committee proves helpful to the House when that Subordinate Legislation is to be considered in the House. The existence of this Committee is all the more essential when the rule making power vests in the Executive which may frame such rules as go beyond the scope of the law or Act under which they are made. I think the work accomplished by this Committee has been done with great diligence."

(Debate dated 31st March, 1959)

REGARDING PUTTING QUESTIONS, WHEN CALLED

"If a Member in whose name a question stands does not put it, when called upon to do so, he will not be permitted to put it at a later stage."

(Debate dated 31st March 1959)

REGARDING WHETHER THE PUNJAB LOCAL AUTHORITIES (AIDED SCHOOLS) BILL 1959, IS A REGIONAL BILL OR A MONEY BILL

On the 6th April, 1959, Sardar Umrao Singh raised a point of order contending that the Punjab Local Authorities (Aided Schools) Bill, 1959, was not a Money Bill but a Regional Bill. The Speaker observed on the 7th April, 1959 :—

"One thing that the hon. Members should bear in mind in connection with the point of order that has been raised is that, come what may, the intention of the Regional Committees Order or any of its provisions cannot come into clash with the Constitution. It is wrong to stretch the Regional Formula in such a way as to bring it into conflict with some specific provision of the Constitution. The definition of the Money Bill is contained in Article 199 of the Constitution. If the definition of a Money Bill when it is transmitted to the Council, becomes the subject of a dispute between the two Houses, it is settled under Sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this Article and the whole procedure in this respect is laid down therein. So far as I know there have been very few occasions since the coming into being of this Constitution, when a difference of opinion about a Bill being a Money Bill or not arose. The Governor recommends that a particular Bill is a Money Bill and that it be considered. When it is passed here then the Speaker certifies it to be a Money Bill. This is the procedure so far as both the Houses of Legislature are concerned. When it is sent to the Governor for his assent the Speaker again certifies it to be a Money Bill. As regards the definition of the Money Bill, it may be stated that there is some difference between a Money Bill and a Finance Bill. In the same Article 199 of the Constitution there is a provision that lays down that a Bill shall not be deemed to be a Money Bill simply because it provides for the imposition of fines and fees, etc., and so it is deemed to be a Finance Bill. Hence, everything is clearly provided in this Article. The basic thing in a Money Bill

is this. If it seeks to impose or abolish a tax and provides for the payment of money into or withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund, it is a Money Bill. Now in the light of this let us examine the Bill before the House. According to this Bill, whereas the schools including their buildings, furniture, playgrounds, etc., are to be brought under the management of the Government, their funds, which is an incidental matter thereto, have also to go to the Government and that money will be paid into the Consolidated Fund of the State. Now when this Bill provides for the transfer of these funds of the schools to the Consolidated Fund then if it is not a Money Bill what else could it be ?

Sardar Umrao Singh had raised the point that a Bill could be deemed to be a Money Bill if it contained only provisions dealing with all or any of the matters specified in sub-clauses (a) to (f) of Article 199 of the Constitution. He laid great stress on the word 'only' and his contention was that since none of those matters was provided in this Bill it was not a Money Bill. But I would ask him to refer to Sub-clause (g) also which provides :—

"any matter incidental to any of the matters specified in Sub-clauses (a) to (f)".

He will see that when the Government has to take over the schools, it has also to take their furniture, buildings, managements, etc., and the incidental matter thereto, namely, the funds as well which would go into the Consolidated Fund of the State. This fact is covered by Sub-clause (g) of Article 199. I had asked Sardar Umrao Singh to tell me that if one part was not incidental to the other, could he separate them from each other ? That is not possible. Besides, they cannot pass a separate legislation for taking over of schools and the incidental matters thereto. The only thing they can do is to say that either these be taken or be not taken. It cannot happen that the Government should take over the schools, their managements and their funds through this Bill and still the hon. Members should persist in saying that it is not a Money Bill. I, therefore, declare it to be a Money Bill."

(*Debate dated 7th April,* 1959).

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REGARDING CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURE OF QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE

"Hon. Members, this time a change in the procedure of Questions to be asked on the floor of the House has been introduced. Previously when more than one question on the same subject was received from several Members, I used to admit one question and disallow the rest on the ground that a question on the subject already stood admitted in the name of another Member. Now when a question on a particular subject has been admitted, the names of all the Members giving notices of similar questions, will be indicated on it. If one Member fails to put that question then the other Member will be called to put it and if he is also not there then the next Member shall be called and so on."

(*Debate dated 29th June,* 1959).

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## REGARDING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE SOUGHT TO BE RAISED IN REGARD TO THE MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUNJAB CO-OPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS, (FURTHER EXTENSION OF TENURE) BILL.

On 29th June, 1959, Chaudhri Dharam Singh Rathi sought to raise a question of privilege in regard to the message of the Governor on the Punjab Co-operative Sugar Mills (Further Extension of Tenure) Bill, 1959. The Speaker observed :—

"It is a very important question and I would like to study it in detail. That is why I intend to give my ruling on this matter after two days. The message of the Governor was circulated to the Members in advance. As a rule, it is only after I have read out the message to the House, that the Question of Privilege in this connection can be raised. However, since it has been raised I would give a careful consideration to it and then give my ruling thereon.

As the hon. Members are aware, the Governor, who is the Head of the State is a part and parcel of the Legislature and it is difficult to imagine that the words objected to could be used by the Governor in the sense in which these have been understood by the hon. Members. However, in view of the fact that the Question of Privilege has been raised I would like to study the precedents and procedure in this connection followed at the Centre and in the House of Commons and thereafter I shall give my ruling. As I have stated already, it is a vital matter and I do not want to rush it through."

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"It would be better if the Leader of the Opposition and the mover of the Privilege Motion see me in my chamber and we can fully discuss the matter."

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"The Leader of the House may also come so that we may examine this matter in all its aspects. After all, this is not an ordinary matter. It involves the Governor—the Head of the State—and any ruling given in this case may have vital implications. Personally, I do not think the Governor would even think in such terms. However, we have to examine its implications—legal and constitutional—and we have also to see whether there exists any convention in such a matter, either in Parliament or any State Legislature."

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"This involves the question of refusal to consider the Bill. I do not think that a Committee can refuse to consider a Bill which is referred to it. According to procedure, a Regional Committee may, after consideration, refer a Bill back in the same form in which it received it if it so wishes but it cannot altogether refuse to consider it. The Governor might have made these remarks under the impression that it was a refusal to consider the Bill. Anyhow, as to what is

meant by his remarks is also a point to be examined by us together. The hon. Members are aware that the Governor does not belong to any particular party. He enjoys a unique position under the Constitution. Therefore, the ruling on this point should also be equally well considered."

(*Debate dated 29th June*, 1959).

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"I have closely studied the question of Privilege raised by Chaudhri Dharam Singh Rathi in regard to the message received from the Governor in connection with the Punjab Co-operative Sugar Mills (Further Extension of Tenure) Bill, 1959. Keeping in view the implications of this question, namely, whether or not a motion concerning the Head of the State could be brought before the House, I gave it a very careful thought. I considered it desirable in the circumstances to meet the Governor and convey to him the sentiments of the House on the subject. Accordingly I met him. The attitude of the Governor was very responsive and he very much appreciated the sentiments of the House. Later, I took, the Leader of the Opposition and Shri Dharam Singh Rathi who had given notice of the motion, into confidence and told them that in view of the appreciative attitude of the Governor, there remained no need for this motion. I, therefore, do not give consent to raising this question of privilege."

(*Debate dated 2nd July*, 1959).

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REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"The hon. Members will remember that the Business Advisory Committee was constituted during the last session of the Sabha. This Committee has been constituted in Parliament as well as in other State Legislatures. The function of this Committee is to recommend to the House the allocation of time with regard to the items of business, that have to come up for consideration. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Vidhan Sabha, the Committee consists of five Members with the Speaker as its *ex-Officio* Chairman. The business and the time-table as settled by the Committee is reported by the Speaker to the House. Then a motion is moved by a member of the Committee designated by the Speaker to the effect that the House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Business Advisory Committee, in case, the House approves of the same. Thereafter, it becomes binding on the Members to abide by the allocation of time for the disposal of the business. So I place before the House the recommendations of this Committee which it made in its meeting today. It may be stated that for this purpose I had specially invited a representative of the Opposition as well, but he did not turn up. However, there was nothing which called for any controversy."

(*Debate dated 29th June*, 1959).

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## REGARDING AN ADJOURNMENT MOTION ON THE MOTOR BOAT TRAGEDY AT RUPAR

"Hon. Members, I would like to say a few words about the adjournment motion on the Motor Boat Tragedy at Rupar, although, I have already ruled it out of order. They may be aware that in such cases Government version of the matter is invariably called for and is considered to be authentic. If the Government statement controverts the facts stated in the notice of the adjournment motion then the matter becomes disputed and cannot form the subject matter of an adjournment motion. In the present case also the matter has become disputed and that is why I did not allow it, although I had a mind to admit this adjournment motion when I came to the House.

As regards an enquiry into the case and who should conduct it—a Judge or an Officer of the Executive Government—this is not a matter for an adjournment motion. However, I might say that normally officers who are directly connected should not be appointed to conduct enquiry into matters which have been their concern."

(*Debate dated* 1*st July*, 1959).

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## WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WAS BOUND TO REPLY TO A QUESTION EVEN IF THE MEMBER GIVING NOTICE WAS ABSENT ?

On 14th December, 1959, when the Chief Minister read out the reply to a Short Notice Question without being put by the Member who was absent Shri Bhupinder Singh Mann contended as to how this question could come up in the absence of the questioner. Shri Balram Das Tandon also rose on a point of order asking whether the Speaker had already ruled that Government was not bound to answer any question if the Member giving notice was not present.

It was held that if the Member asking the question was absent and the question was not put the Government was not bound to answer the question. But if they wished to answer the question, they could do so.

(*Debate dated* 14*th December*, 1959)

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## WHETHER THE ADVOCATE-GENERAL, BEING A MEMBER OF THE SABHA COULD REPLY TO QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT ?

On 15th December, 1959, during the reply to the Short Notice Question, regarding the Karnal Triple Murder Case—'State *versus* Grewal' Shri Lal Chand raised a point of order whether, since the Chief Minister did not know the contents of the judgment which according to him was being examined by the Advocate-General, the Advocate-General could be asked to reply to the supplementaries on behalf of the Chief Minister.

It was held that the Advocate-General could not do so. He could only be asked to give legal opinion in a matter.

(*Debate dated* 15*th December*, 1959)

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### WHETHER ANY WORK DONE AFTER THE HOUR OF INTERRUPTION OF THE HOUSE AT 6.30 P.M. WAS IN ORDER ?

On 15th December, 1959, when during the course of a division, the time of the sitting of the House was over, Shri Prabodh Chandra rising on a point of order, contended that since the sitting had not been extended the business of the House could not be transacted after the hour of interruption.

It was held by the Deputy Speaker that there could be no interruption of the House when the division was in progress.

(*Debate dated 15th December*, 1959)

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### WHETHER REFERENCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL COMMTTEES COULD BE MADE DURING DISCUSSION IN THE SABHA.

On 16th December, 1959, while speaking on the passage motion of the Punjab Mandi Towns (Development and Regulation) Bill as reported by the Regional Committees (after recommittal by the Vidhan Sabha for the second time), Shri Muni Lal referred to the proceedings of the Regional Committees. Upon this the Speaker observed :—

"Please do not refer to the proceedings of the Regional Committees. It would tantamount to contempt of the Committees as their proceedings are confidential".

(*Debate dated 16th December*, 1959)

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### WHETHER THE DEPUTY SPEAKER AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COULD ANSWER THE COMMENTS MADE BY OTHER MEMBERS ON THE RULING GIVEN BY HIM WHILE OCCUPYING THE CHAIR

On 21st December, 1959, Chaudhri Inder Singh rising on a point of order, contended that an amendment given notice of by a Member and allowed by the Deputy Speaker to be moved by another Member in the absence of the former was against the rules. When the Deputy Speaker rose to explain the Speaker observed :—

"I do not like that the Deputy Speaker should answer as a Member, the comments made on the ruling given by him while occupying the Chair. I do not want that his rulings should be questioned even when he is not sitting in the Chair. We will discuss this matter in my Chamber."

(*Debate dated 21st December*, 1959)

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### REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN *Ad hoc* RULES COMMITTEE

On the 21st December, 1959, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma requested for appointment of an *Ad hoc* Rules Committee for revision of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly. The Speaker observed :—

"I have no objection to our Rules of Procedure being revised again. But, if the hon. Member quotes the House of Commons in regard to a particular matter then he should also be prepared to follow

other things in vogue there. Sometime back I visited Ceylon and stayed there for about a week. The Parliament of that country has also provided certain restrictions in its Rules of Procedure pertaining to the moving of no-confidence motions against the Ministry. When a motion of this kind was moved in that Parliament, I was present there to watch its proceedings. On the next day another motion expressing want of confidence in the Minister of Justice was moved. And on the day when I had to leave that country, I learnt that a no-confidence motion was intended to be moved against the Speaker as well. When I reached India, I read in the newspapers that the Minister there had resigned. All I mean to say is that whether the number is less or more all that counts is the spirit which makes the members to observe the rules with responsibility or abuse them. Well, the Leader of the Opposition has laid stress on the fact that there is a pressing need for the modification of the present Rules of Procedure of this House. In this connection, I may tell him that sometime ago, a Rules Committee was constituted for the purpose of making a thorough scrutiny of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in this Legislative Assembly. This Committee included Members from both the Opposition groups and the Treasury Benches. They worked for several months and after careful consideration modified many of the old Rules.

The hon. Members would perhaps remember that before integration with Pepsu, when this House consisted of 126 Members, leave to move a no-confidence motion in the Ministry required the support of at least thirty-five Members. But, now when the membership of this House was raised to 154, the number of Members necessary for leave being granted has been increased from thirty five to forty-five. The report containing the recommendations of that Committee was placed before this House and was approved by it. So the present Rules of Procedure are not very old as the hon. Member thinks. These were rather subjected to careful scrutiny only four years ago. Experience shows that when the strength of the Opposition dwindles down, then they ask for a reduction in the number of Members required for leave being granted in the case of adjournment motions. But does it not mean that when their strength increases, they should ask for an increase in the number of Members for this purpose ? I may tell them that the business of the House cannot be carried on if Rules are changed so often. I, however, want them particularly to pay careful attention to the procedure relating to the asking of questions and putting supplementaries thereon and moving of adjournment motions. Any one who reads yesterday's newspapers, will get the impression that Chaudhri Balbir Singh wanted to move an adjournment motion about a private institution, but it was ruled out of order. Strictly speaking, no old Member who is fully conversant with the Rules would have done like that. What impression would the people, who have come from outside, carry from the supplementaries which were asked to-day ? I want the supplementaries to be more responsible. So if the hon. Members promise not to disregard the Rules in a desire to play to the galleries and realise their responsibility, then I would appoint an *Ad hoc*

Committee, which may examine the Rules of Procedure in relation to the numbers necessary for adjournment motions and no-confidence motions. Whatever recommendations are made by such a Committee, these would be adopted if the House approves. This *Ad hoc* Committee will include representatives of all sections of the House. I will announce the personnel of this Committee later."

(*Debate, dated* 21*st December,* 1959)

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"The hon. Members, perhaps, remember that day before yesterday, there was a demand for the appointment of an *Ad hoc* Committee to revise the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly insofar as they related to the number of Members necessary for leave being given to discuss adjournment and no-confidence motions, when they are held in order.

I discussed this matter with the Leader of the Opposition and a representative of the Leader of the House. I am pleased to inform the House that both agree that such a Committee be nominated so that it might examine the relevant Rules and report if the number of Members required to support an adjournment motion or a no-confidence motion when they are in order should be revised.

I nominate the following *Adhoc* Committee to examine these two points and report thereon :—

(1) Shri Mohan Lal, Minister for Industries ;
(2) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker ;
(3) Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann ;
(4) Shri Harbhagwan Maudgil ;
(5) Pandit Shri Ram Sharma ;
(6) Dr. Baldev Parkash ;
(7) Shri Inder Singh ;

and the Speaker.

Of course, the Speaker shall act as the Chairman of this *Ad hoc* Committee.

This Committee shall make a Report to the House by the 28th February, 1960."

(Debate dated 23rd December, 1959)

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REGARDING WALK-OUT STAGED BY THE OPPOSITION ON THE MOTION TO EXEMPT THE DAY'S SITTING FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE RULES "SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY" INDEFINITELY

On the 23rd December, 1959, a motion was moved to exempt the day's sitting from the provisions of the Rule "Sittings of the Assembly" indefinitely. The entire Opposition staged a walk-out. The Speaker observed :—

"It is surprising that discussion took place today in the House on an ordinary motion especially when the Business Advisory Committee

had carefully considered and allotted time to different items of business on the agenda of this Session. Today the motion moved by the Government has been severely criticised by the Opposition. In view of this opposition, I was inclined to ask the Government if they would consider the desirability of withdrawing this motion. But I am sorry that in spite of what I had expressed to the Opposition and particularly to its Leader about not withdrawing from the House, particularly as I wanted to announce the personnel of the *Ad hoc* Committee in deference to his wishes, they hurriedly staged a walk-out. I am sorry that now I do not wish to ask the Government to consider the desirability of with drawing this motion. If a meeting of this House is held tomorrow, it would involve a lot of expenditure to the Government. So I put this motion to the House."

(Debate dated 23rd December, 1959).

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ENTRY OF PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE HOUSE TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS

On the 16th February, 1960, when the question of privilege sought to be raised by Sarvshri Inder Singh and Bhala Ram regarding the presence of some strangers in the Assembly Hall at the time of Governor's Address to take photographs and otherwise observe the proceedings was being considered, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma raised a point of order seeking clarification whether a stranger could be permitted to enter the Chamber as a photographer to take photographs on such an occasion.

It was held by the Speaker that an old practice was being followed. As a matter of fact, the photographers had been permitted to take photographs in pursuance of the practice extending over years which had been started at Simla on the specific request of the members of the House. But if any departure was to be made from this practice then since this matter related to a joint sitting of both the Houses, the decision of the Legislative Council in this regard was also necessary.

(Debate dated 16th February, 1960)

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REGARDING SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

"Through supplementary questions hon. Members should not express an opinion, offer a suggestion for action or give any information. A definite and direct question relevant to the subject matter of the main question should be put to elicit further information".

(Debate dated 16th February, 1960).

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"I would like to inform the hon. Members that in the Parliament of Australia and the United Kingdom not more than two or three supplementaries are put on any one question. The supplementaries are strictly within

the scope of the main question and there is always a link between them. For this purpose the members of the party work in a team spirit. When a member puts one supplementary, it is followed up by another member and carried on by yet another. But here, any Member who is given an opportunity to ask a supplementary question tries to monopolise the right of asking supplementaries and there is no limit. The result is that our questions are in heavy arrears. We are still stuck up with the list of questions for the 17th instant. We should try to regulate the asking of supplementaries. Only such supplementary questions should be put which would elicit important, yet relevant, information. Supplementaries should not be in the nature of cross-examination. There is a tendency in that direction and it must be checked".

(Debate dated 19th February, 1960).

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"Hon. Members, I would like to say that after the reply to a starred question has been given, any additional information which is required may be obtained through supplementary questions. One Member's thread of questions may be taken up by another and so on. This is the practice in a number of parliaments. No single Member monopolises the time of the House as here. Members should, therefore, come prepared. The basic object of supplementary questions, as that of any question, is the obtaining of information. Questions should not be put to Ministers as though they are in the dock. I do not countenance this way of asking questions and would not permit it in the future."

(Debate dated 16th November, 1960).

## Regarding procedure to be adopted in connection with moving of Adjournment Motions

"As a result of the decision taken in the *ad hoc* Committee on Rules, the number of Members required to support an adjournment motion and a No-confidence motion will be reduced. At the same time certain restrictions will be imposed on the hon. Members giving notices of adjournment motions. Only those adjournment motions shall be taken up in the House which the Speaker considers to be in order or regarding which he has to make some enquiries. Those hon. Members whose adjournment motions find no mention in the House can by all means come to the Speaker's Chamber and talk to him in that connection. It will not be obligatory on the Speaker to mention each and every adjournment motion notice of which has been given in the House. This practice shall be followed from now on."

(Debate dated 16th March, 1960).

## Regarding attitude of the Speaker towards the Members of the Opposition as well as the Treasury Benches

"Hon. Members, as today is the final day of the Budget, I would like to make a few observations in connection with the discussion that has taken place on the Budget so far. During the course of this discussion there has been a good deal of heat. The climax was, however, reached yesterday when the Leader of the Opposition for whom I have had great affection and whom

I have always held in great esteem staged a walk-out. Hon. Members may well imagine the distress, I was in when I found that the person, on whom I have been showering affection cold-shouldered me (*laughter*). The point at issue was whether the Leader of the Opposition should get the same amount of time to speak as the Leader of the House. The Leader of the Opposition's contention was that he should. But I do not accept this contention for many obvious reasons, one of them being that the Leader of the House, has to answer the criticism of a large number of Members and as of necessity he requires more time than any of the others. The Leader of the Opposition does not have to perform such a duty—hence the claim to an identity of treatment in the matter of time by the Leader of the Opposition with the Leader of the House is by the nature of things unsustainable.

The second contention was that the Opposition Party should get the same length of time for making speeches as the party in power. Neither is this contention valid because the time of the House is allotted to Members who catch the eye of the Speaker and not to parties. Nevertheless I have even in this regard been doing my best to accommodate the Opposition Party and the Opposition Groups as the House is well aware.

If, however, the Leader of the Opposition is not in agreement with my views and wishes to convince me to the contrary, I am willing to be convinced on the basis of precedents and authority. He may kindly come to my Chamber and discuss the matter with me. Let him cite any precedent from the House of Commons or from the Lok Sabha or any State Legislature. I assure him that I will accept any practice which is most favourable to the Opposition.

I had so far felt happy that the Opposition in this House was fully satisfied and I had spared no pains in my constant effort to satisfy them. Yet yesterday's incident has caused me bitter disappointment. Hon. Members can well imagine the disappointment of a person who gets a kick from one whom he has held in great affection. (*Laughter*).

This House has 154 Members out of whom the Treasury Benches claim 124 and the Opposition only 30. In other words the strength of the Opposition is one-fourth of the Treasury Benches. It is but fair that they should only claim time in the same proportion. This means that for every four Members speaking from the Treasury Benches, only one may speak from the Opposition. As you all know I did not stick to this matter of arithmatic. I have been calling Members in the ratio of 2:1 and yet they are not satisfied.

Then there are certain groups in the Opposition and I have to accommodate them also.

I have had the time given to both sides of the House calculated. It is here with me and if anyone has any doubt regarding the allocation of time they can see it. Besides the leader of the Opposition, I have to accommodate, as stated already, the leaders of other groups in the Opposition. For instance, I accommodate a Member who speaks first from the Communist group and I give him more time, than the others. Similarly, I accord a similar consideration to the Jan Sangh group. Under these circumstances, the House should just imagine the plight of the Speaker. I have arrived at the conclusion that the Speaker is a person with whom nobody is pleased and his is the most thankless job. Often, "dissidents" have come to me saying that

they are being discriminated against and that they are not given sufficient time. I have told them that whatever their politics might be, they had the same right to speak as the others and that in my eyes there were no differences between Members and Members.

I might tell the House that I have been held responsible for a certain category of remarks made by certain Members against certain others. I know this personally and I can even divulge, if the House so desires, the names of those who have accused me of this responsibility and the name of the place where such ideas were spread. It is most unfair as well as untrue to say that speeches which are higly critical of the administration are encouraged by the Speaker or .hat they are made because the Speaker is lenient. May I ask those who have the effrontery to blame me for the criticism levelled against them how I can ensure speeches which are favourable to them. I want to make it clear to all, clear beyond any doubt that so long as I occupy this Chair, I do so neither as a partisan of the Government nor of the Opposition but as one belonging to the whole House (*Cheers*). Many things are said here, some for the Government, some against the Government. Let it be understood that I am not concerned with either the one or the other. I am not even interested in the fact as to who are the dissidents and who are the loyalists. For me they are all Members and entitled to consideration as such and in no other capacity.

Now according to our practice the lists of Members desirous of speaking are sent to me by the whips and I have been accommodating the names on these lists from both sides of the House. That being so, may I ask how can I prejudge what a Member is going to say in his speech and how is it within my competence to persuade a person to speak in favour of or against the administration? Or do those who hold me responsible for the adverse criticism of the administration, want me to tell a Member who is criticising, to discontinue speaking for the simple reason that he is criticising? The names of even such Members as are known to be critical of the Government are included in the lists which reach me from the whips. But if the Government whips have the feeling that such Members will offer adverse remarks against the administration why do they include their names in their lists. As usual with some people, those who say that the Speaker is responsible, they are only shifting the responsibility which legitimately is their own, on to some one else. They want someone whom they can blame because their ego does not let them think that the fault might be theirs.

Let me assure you, hon. Members, that I come to this House and have the honour of presiding over it with a clear conscience. Gurdial Singh Dhillon does not come here : the Speaker does. (*Hear, hear*) Sitting in the Chair and performing the high duties you have entrusted to me, I recognize neither the dissidents, nor the loyalists nor even the Opposition. I recognize them all as honourable and distinguished Members of this august House.

I would like to make one thing clear lest misconception pervade the thinking of some persons. They should not misconstrue my gentleness and politeness as my weaknesses. Whatever they may be tempted to think of my gentleness, I regard it as one of my virtues and as such strength (*Cheers*). They should not make the mistake of thinking that I can be browbeaten because of my gentleness. I fear no man. I fear God. He is omnipresent (*Cheers and renewed cheers*).

I have said all this from the distress of my heart. Pandit Ji is displeased with me and he walked out to show his displeasure. The "dissidents" are unhappy with me and from this side of the House it is being said that some things are being done at my instance. My position is likeable to that of the unfortunate person who said :—

"ना खुदा ही मिला ना विसाले सनम" (*loud laughter*).

So now, I feel that if I have failed to secure "*visale yar*" (the proverbial nearness of the beloved) then I should, at least, try to please Him.

I assure the House that while occupying this exalted Chair, I would do everything in my power to enhance the prestige of the Chair. I will not let personal prejudices or other reasons sway me (*Cheers*)."

(Debate dated 23rd March, 1960).

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REGARDING THE RECOGNISED OPPOSITION PARTY: CEASING TO EXIST

On the 25th March, 1960, the Speaker read out letters received by him from Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, Leader of the Opposition and Shri Nanhu Ram conveying their resignations from the Independent and Socialist Front and thereafter made the following observations :—

"The existence of an Opposition is most essential for the successful functioning of a Democracy. I am of the view that if there is a recognised Opposition Party in a House, its work can be accomplished in a very satisfactory manner. In this House different Opposition Groups coalesced to form an Opposition Party and I, keeping in view the necessity of an Opposition Party, accorded recognition to it. But I observed that Members of the different groups in the Opposition Party held contrary views and supported different view points in the House. Political Science has taught us that the Members belonging to any one political party believe in one ideology and in the same principles both inside and outside the House. In this way, a Political Party consists of homogeneous elements and experience has shown that this should be so. Now, it is crystal clear that it is not desirable to accord recognition to an Opposition Party, the Members of which hold divergent views on important matters. In order to merit recognition, a party must have Members with one common programme and should not consist of heterogeneous sections holding divergent views. So to form an Opposition Party, it would not be sufficient if just two or three Opposition Groups merely unite and ask for recognition. As I have already stated they should have a common programme both inside and outside the House and hold similar views on important matters. In future, only that party will be recognised as an Opposition Party which functions homogenously both inside and outside the House. The party which is defunct outside and functions only inside the House will not be recognised. I think Pandit ji (Shri Ram Sharma) deserves credit in realising that the Opposition Party was a heterogeneous body whose Members did not subscribe to one common programme. So far as I am concerned, I have been giving all possible support to it and as we say in Punjabi giving it 'props' to enable it to hold its own so that an Opposition Party as such might continue to function as one unit in the House. But this, as we see, was not possible."

(Debate dated 25th March, 1960).

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## REGARDING THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

"The other day, I announced my intention of setting up a *General Purposes Committee. To-day I have nominated the Members who are to serve on it. As stated already on that day, such a Committee is functioning not only in the Lok Sabha but also in some other State Legislatures. The necessity for the formation of this Committee has arisen due to the fact that generally there is a lack of co-ordination between the various Committees of the House. Sometimes it becomes difficult for these Committees to take a decision in a matter which falls beyond their purview, because they have defined functions to perform.So it is considered desirable to refer such matters to the General Purposes Committee for examination and report. This will be useful Committee as all Chairmen of the Committees of the Assembly, Members of the panel of Chairmen and two Members from each of the two Regional Committees will serve on it. So this Committee will be required to consider all such matters as do not fall within the scope of any of the other Committees."

(Debate dated the 27th April, 1960)

## REGARDING RESCISSION OF A BILL AND A RESOLUTION

"Chaudhri Dharam Singh Rathi has raised a point that the decision of the House on the General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill be rescinded. In support of his contention he has quoted Rule 81 of the Rules of Procedure because a substantive motion in the name of the Chief Minister for recsinding the decision of the House taken at its meeting held on the 21st April, 1960 in regard to a resolution on the amendment of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, stands on today's agenda. I may point out that ordinarily seven clear days' notice is needed for such a substantive motion. But since the House is adjourning *sine die* today and the Government approached me to relax the provision in this regard as a special case, I have acceded to their request in my discretion. Now Shri Rathi has sought my permission to move a motion for the rescission of a decision taken by the House on the General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill. I may tell him that his motion is not in order because there are other stages of a Bill after it has been passed by the Assembly. It goes to the Council and sometimes again comes back to the Assembly with amendments. Then the Bills passed by the two Houses are assented to by the Governor/President. It means that there are other stages after a Bill has been passed by the Assembly. After a Bill has been passed by the House it is no longer in its possession. This particular Bill is now with the Council and you can't rescind a decision unless it is a final decision. The case of a resolution is different. When it is passed by the Assembly, it is complete in all respects. Therefore, there is no similarity between the motion sought to be moved by Chaudhri Dharam Singh Rathi and the Chief Minister.

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Although the former is a good lawyer, yet he has not tried to understand the position in this regard. As I have already pointed out, a Bill passed by

*Note.—Please refer to page 29—regarding Members serving on the General Purposes Committee.

this House is not final and has to pass through a number of further stages. It goes up to the Upper House from where it may be referred back to the Assembly. But a resolution is the final act of the House itself and the House may, if it changes its opinion, change the decision taken on a resolution.

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The practice of rescission of earlier decisions on such matters (resolutions) is available to all the Legislatures. The motion now moved by the Chief Minister is not identical with the one which was adopted by the House on 21st April, 1960. This motion seeks to negative a decision already taken. It is altogether a separate motion and being in order it can be moved. (*Cheers*)

(Debate dated 27th April, 1960)

## Regarding Printed copies of Debates left by the Members

"Hon. Members, I wish to draw your attention to an important matter. It has been brought to my notice that a fairly large number of Members do not care to carry the printed copies of debates when these are distributed to them in the lobbies.Some put their initials in token of having received the debates but do not take the same physically while some others leave them in their desks in the Chamber. In this way, 330 copies of debates for the year 1958 and 1,128 copies pertaining to the year 1959 were removed from the lobbies and the Chamber as waste paper.

The declining interest shown by the hon. Members in their printed word, recording of which involves a huge amount of hard and constant labour by a number of officers and the staff of this Secretariat in addition to the enormous amount of expenditure incurred on paper and printing is surprising. If this record is to be sold in such a large measure as waste paper immediately after having been handed over to the Members, then it is time that we should seriously consider the matter. In every democratic country Hansards are held in great esteem because they contain a record of the deliberations of the chosen representatives of the people. I, therefore, propose and if the House agrees that in future, debates be given only to those Members who want them and are interested in the publication. The idea in supplying copies of the debates to the Members is that they be put in possession of the record of the deliberations that took place in the House when they had an opportunity to represent the people of Punjab in this august body. Those Members who want that they should get this publication may please write to the Secretary within a week so that only the required number of copies may be printed and unnecessary expenditure avoided.

(Debate dated 18th October, 1960)

## Reference to Members, who do not belong to the Vidhan Sabha and cannot defend themselves—Objectionable

On 24th October, 1960, Chaudhri Dharam Singh Rathi, during the course of his speech on the adjournment motion regarding flood, mentioned the names

of certain Members of the Upper House and the Parliament and made certain allegations. The Minister for Industries took strong objection to this and raised a point of order, whether during speeches, reference to such Members by name, as do not belong to the Vidhan Sabha and cannot defend themselves, is in order ?

The Speaker held that it was objectionable and ordered that the portion of the speech of the hon. Member in which he had mentioned the names of other hon. Members who do not belong to this House will not form part of the debate.

(Debate dated 24th October, 1960)

REGARDING CERTAIN ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS REQUIRING DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION ARISING OUT OF THE 'KARNAL TRIPLE MURDER CASE'

"On the 25th October, 1960, notices of three adjournment motions were given for discussing the situation arising out of the 'Karnal Triple Murder Case'. Number one was moved by Shri Balram Dass Tandon and Shri Sahi Ram, number two by Shri Inder Singh and number three by Shri Dharam Singh Rathi and Chaudhri Bharat Singh. As the explanatory memorandum to adjournment motion No. 1 purported in writing to "discuss the strictures against Sardar Partap Singh Kairon" I declare that out of order on the ground that whenever the conduct or character of a Minister was involved, according to the Rules the discussion cannot take place on an adjournment motion.

Similarly, the adjournment motion given notice of by Shri Inder Singh expressly wanted to discuss "the constitutional propriety of the Chief Minister of the State remaining as such as a result of the dismissal of the State Government's Appeal in the Karnal Murder Case by the Supreme Court of India." This adjournment motion too I rejected on the same ground as No. 1.

The adjournment motion given notice of by Shri Dharam Singh Rathi and Chaudhri Bharat Singh reads as below :—

"To ask for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely, the strictures against certain officials of the Punjab Government retained by the Supreme Court of India in the Karnal Triple Murder Case by rejecting yesterday the petition filed by the Punjab Government for leave to appeal."

In the explanatory memorandum of this motion it was stated that, 'these strictures have shaken the confidence of the public regarding the Government administration and have brought great disrepute and bad name for the whole Punjab Government'.

The Member giving notice of this motion contended that he had not mentioned the name of any Minister and that it pertained only to the judgment and the administration in general.

I had held that the matter was both urgent and of public importance, yet I had not held the notice in order because I had in my mind strong misgivings about its admissibility. I had the feeling that it impugned on the conduct of a

Minister. As you know, under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly and also according to the well-established parliamentary conventions and practice if the conduct of a Minister or the Ministry as a whole is intended to be criticised or censured there are definite forms in which it can be done. It cannot be done on an adjurnment motion. An adjournment motion is intended to provide the House with an opportunity to interrupt its normal proceedings to be able to discuss a matter of recent occurrence and of public importance. But it cannot be used as a vehicle for a censure motion.

In our Rules, the procedure for adjournment motions is given in Chapter XIV—Rule 68. It prescribes the conditions which an adojournment motion to become admissible must fulfil, and says in sub-rule (ix) :—

> the motion shall not deal with a matter on which a resolution could not be moved ;

and in sub-rule (xiii) it says :

> the motion shall not raise any question which under the Constitution or these rules can only be raised on a distinct motion by a notice given in writing to the Secretary.

But in cases where the character or the conduct of a Minister or the Ministry as a whole is proposed to be criticised and discussed, it can be done only through a regular substantive motion which is provided for in Rule 65 in Chapter XIII which has its own conditions and pre-requisites governing its admissibility. A censure motion or a no-confidence motion is a substantive motion for the discussion of which due notice and opportunity must be given It would be an abuse of the process and procedure of the House if an adjournment motion which unmistakably partakes of the character of a Censure Motion were allowed to be discussed, under Chapter XIV and not Chapter XIII, however, urgent and publicly important its subject matter may be. For, as I have already said, the Rules prescribe a definite form in which such a matter may be discussed.

Shri Rathi's notice concerns itself with the strictures against certain officials of the State Government. If the discussion were confined only to this much, then perhaps one may not find fault with it. But in the explanatory memorandum as I have already stated above Shri Rathi has extended its scope by saying :—

> These strictures have shaken the confidence of the public regarding the Government administration and have brought great disrepute and bad name for the whole Punjab Government.

As I had promised the House I consulted the Advocate-General, who is a non-voting Member of this House, and also the Legal Remembrancer to Punjab Government, whose knowledge of the judgments is naturally intimate. I had the feeling that the discussion of this matter would inevitably lead to the discussion of the conduct of a Minister, although I had read the judgment in the case very cursorily. I am glad to be able to inform you that the Advocate-General, the Legal Remembrancer and I have reached unanimously the same conclusion, namely that any discussion of the administration and the conduct

of the officials will inevitably lead to the discussion of the conduct of the Chief Minister and the Government. Further, I feel that the contents of the notice of the adjournment motion have the obvious object of censuring the conduct of the Chief Minister. What ought to be attempted under Chapter XIII is sought to be done under Chapter XIV. Such a motion cannot be discussed under Rule 66 in Chapter XIV. It should be brought only under Rule 65 in Chapter XIII. Since these two aspects of the matter, which from the point of view of our Procedure must remain separate and distinct, cannot so remain, being bound up with each other inextricably, I regret I must hold the notice to be out of order."

(Debate dated 7th November, 1960)

## Regarding Expression of One's Viewpoint on a Judgment of a Court

On 9th November 1960 Pandit Shri Ram Sharma during the discussion of Demands for Supplementary Grants raised a point of order whether expression of one's view point on a judgment of the court amounted to contempt of court.

The Speaker held "as far as possible the matter should be referred to without attacking the merits and demerits of the judgment. One may make a reference to the judgment but may not attack the merits or demerits of the judgment and may also not attack the intentions of the judges and attribute motives".

(Debate dated 9th November, 1960)

## Regarding procedure for Consideration of Bills after the Constitution of Regional Committees

'I find that a number of difficulties have arisen in following the new procedure for consideration of Bills after the constitution of the Regional Committees. First of all we have to examine whether a particular Bill is a Regional Bill or not. A Regional Bill is first introduced in the Vidhan Sabha and then referred to the Regional Committees. Thereafter it is considered separately by the Committees. If necessary it is referred to Sub-Committees/Joint Sub-Committees by the Committees which in turn submit their reports to the Regional Committees. The Bill is then considered in detail in the Regional Committees and a report is made to the Vidhan Sabha where it has again to go through all the stages and later on again in the Legislative Council whose amendments again have to go to the Regional Committees. The same process has again to be repeated. Although a Bill is discussed exhaustively and the amendments thereto are examined thoroughly in the Regional Committees yet all kinds of amendments are moved again in the Vidhan Sabha. This has resulted in complications and repetitions and it needs to be re-examined. I think we will have to think over this point a new in order to overcome the difficulties which have now arisen as a result of this new procedure.

In the Assembly I have full powers and we can scrutinize everything properly. However I want to appoint a small Advisory Committee consisting of the Chairmen of the Regional Committees and two or three other Members to advise me in case where amendments are made in a Bill emerging

from Regional Committees. whether the amendments have made a material difference or not sometimes it becomes difficult to determine this. In our State which has Regional Committees this procedure has become complicated otherwise it is not so in those Legislatures where there are no such Committees. The hon. Members, therefore, should not insist upon being rigid in such matters as we are still evolving the procedure. I cannot make any change in the Rules relating to the Regional Committees. The hon. Members may bear in mind the fact that the procedure of the Regional Committees is quite rigid. Now the point is whether when a Bill comes from the Regional Committees any changes can be made in it without making the legislative process cumbersome. If not then what is the use of all this discussion except as pastime.? Therefore, the hon. Members should speak only after giving the matter careful thought. If the House can amend a Bill coming from the Regional Committees without any complication then discussion can serve some useful purpose. Keeping this in view they should discuss the Bill. Nobody should remain under the impression that procedure is what they were used to. Therefore, all should come prepared."

(Debate dated 11th November, 1960).

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### REGARDING HOLDING OUT THREATS IN THE HOUSE

On 15th November 1960 Shri Ram Piara sought protection of the Deputy Speaker who was in the Chair complaining that the Chief Parliamentary Secretary had threatened him. At this Chaudhri Inder Singh raised a point of order whether an hon. Member could threaten another hon. Member in the House ?

It was held that no hon. Member could threaten any hon. Member in the House. If one hon. Member wanted to say something to another hon. Member the Members concerned should move to the lobbies.

(Debate dated 15th November, 1960).

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### REGARDING CONSTITUTIONAL IMPROPRIETY OF ISSUING AN ORDINANCE AFTER SUMMONING THE ASSEMBLY

"I would like to point out that the promulgation of the Punjab Official Languages Ordinance was an act of constitutional impropriety. A similar thing was done on a previous occasion. I wish that the Chief Minister and other Members of the Cabinet were present to take note of what I say. Whatever may be the grounds it was basically wrong to have this Ordinance issued on the 28th September 1960 after the summons had been issued to the Members on the 14th September 1960. Moreover, I was also not taken into confidence. After all what was the necessity of rushing through the Ordinance a shortwhile after the Assembly had been summoned ?

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There is no propriety in this. Government did something in the way of legislation but the Speaker had no knowledge about it. Had the Government informed me of its intention I would have asked for some justification for issuing this Ordinance. Now if such a matter were to come up before the Presiding Officers' Conference what would I be able to say ? Should I state there that the Government does not take me into its conficdence ?"

(Debate dated 16th November, 1960)

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## Regarding Question of Privilege raised by Chaudhry Inder Singh on the arrest of certain persons within the precincts of the House

"I want to inform the House regarding the Privilege Motion given notice of by Chaudhri Inder Singh—that the person who created disturbance within the precincts of the House on the 15th November 1960 were arrested by the police under the standing orders issued by the Speaker. So there is no question of breach of Privilege involved in it. Even in May's Parliamentary Practice it has been laid down that any person creating disturbance or who is guilty of a breach of law and order at any time within the precincts of the House of Commons as happened in the present case may be arrested. I, therefore, do not give consent to it."

(Debate dated 21st November, 1960)

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## Regarding setting up of a Committee to Advise in the Drafting etc. of a Legislative Measure

"Since long I have been thinking about setting up a Committee. I would like that this Committee should consist of the Presidents of the Bar Council and the Bar Association, the Advocate-General, the Legal Remembrancer and some leading lawyers. This Committee may be consulted when necessary about drafting or the language of any legislative measure. I would like to point out here that one of the senior Judges of the High Court, I do not want to mention his name, complained to me the other day that the drafting of Bills is defective and he wanted to know from me as to what procedure should be adopted when any defect or lacuna in a Bill came to the notice of the Judges.

I consulted the Speaker of the Lok Sabha in this matter. He too complained that at the Centre also the position is not much better. Any defect which may have escaped the notice of the Law Department and which may be detected at a later stage could be referred to such Committee. The question that would arise is that the members of the proposed committee would naturally have to spend some time on this work and it would be necessary to pay them some sort of allowance. This is a point which needs a detailed examination. Procedure has now become very complicated and it is necessary to devise some measures so that there is no undue delay in passing legislation and the legislation which is passed as far as possible is free from defects.

Now the difficulty is that if the amendments made by the Council are not accepted and the Bill is returned to the Council in the form in which it was passed earlier by this Sabha, there might be a conflict between the two Houses, but on the other hand if it is referred to the Regional Committees as required under the Rules there would be delay and we do not know in what form' it would emerge from those Committees".

(Debate dated 22nd November, 1960—Afternoon sitting).

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## Regarding the University Bill

"I would like to make a few observations in connection with the University Bill. Shri Maudgil had raised a question of privilege to the effect that a Member of the Upper House namely, Bhai Jodh Singh, had, during the course of his speech, remarked about the Members of this House "what do they know

about the University affairs". This is a reflection on them. I asked Shri Maudgil to leave the matter for the present as I wanted to consult the relevant proceedings of the Upper House. I have read the proceedings and I find that the hon. Member has said so in words and in a way which I do not want to repeat. It is true that we have found a place in the University Senate under a statute. But the Members and the Legislators who are appointed to serve on that body are enlightened and well read persons, for instance, Shrimati Om Prabha Jain, M.A., L.L.B., Shri Daya Kishan, S. Kapur Singh, Chairman, Council, Shri Sri Chand and myself in the capacity of Speaker of this House. I am constrained to say that the manner in which this remark was made was not proper. But sometimes it so happens that such words escape the lips of a person. The hon. Member is a venerable old man. I do not know what led him to use these words.

The question arose about the nomination of the Chairman and the Speaker to the Senate of the University. With this also arises the question of protocol. S. Kapur Singh used to be nominated as such since he was Speaker of the Assembly. Even the Chief Minister and the Education Minister have all along been nominated to that body. When the Chairman and I were nominated, we found a strangely indifferent atmosphere towards the Legislator Members of the Senate. I talked about it to the Chancellor and it changed a little. But on the occasion of a Convocation the Chief Minister and the Education Minister were seated according to protocol but the Speaker and the Chairman were relegated to the third row. When this fact was pointed out by us, then it was stated that protocol did not exist, and that we were seated regardless of any protocol. That is why we were given a place at some distance from the Ministers. The hon. Minister should have seen that the Speaker and the Chairman were seated along with him or he should have taken his seat with us. We are Members of the Senate in our public capacity and not as individuals. If the public capacity were not involved, I would give the matter no thought but I would be the last person to be responsible for lowering the dignity of my office. How will the Chancellor remove this discrepancy ? What are his powers in this regard ?

The result is that two years have elapsed since the Chairman and I tendered our resignations but so far neither the resignations have been accepted nor the indignity removed. Now again we have been nominated. In this connection no motion may be brought in this House. Shri Maudgil raised this issue but I asked him to leave the matter. Now it is the duty of the Education Minister to get these things righted. As for Principal Ralla Ram Ji, he is a learned man. Now it is the duty of the Minister for Education to see that the things are set right, and that either he occupies his seat along with us or arranges seats for us near him.

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If there is no protocol then all should sit together. Why should the hon. Minister occupy his seat much ahead of us ? I would urge upon him to have seat with us and then we need not obtain any assurance from anybody.

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I would request the Minister for Education that there is only one remedy for this vexed question. Since there is no provision for protocol in the University Act and it is not considered desirable either to observe it, he should not lay stress on it. But he should see that the Members of the Cabinet and the Legislature are provided with a separate block of seats during the Convocation. Thus there will be no question of any protocol nor will there be any controversy about it. If we sit there we sit together otherwise to sit there like outcastes does not look proper."

(Debate dated 22nd November, 1960—Afternoon Sitting)

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### Regarding Moving of Adjournment Motions

"I have to remind the hon. Members every year that according to the established convention of this House, of other Vidhan Sabhas in the country and of the Lok Sabha, Adjournment Motions are not allowed when there are opportunities to discuss the matters sought to be raised in them during the discussion of the Governor's or President's Address, as also during the discussion of the Budget.

Every year I draw the attention of the hon. Members to this convention. The hon. Members who have given notices of the Adjournment motions, should have first met me in my Chamber, but they did not do so. These Adjournment Motions will, therefore, not be mentioned and I hold them out of order.

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I hope that when the hon. Members refer to the matters mentioned in these motions in their speeches, the hon. Ministers will definitely give a reply. If they like, I will send copies of notices of their adjournment motions to them."

(Debate dated 15th February, 1961)

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### Confidential File of an Officer-an Inaccessible Document. Unfair to refer to it in the House

"It is unfair to refer to the Confidential Files of an Officer. It is against the established procedure of the House to do so. The hon. Members should know that a 'Confidential File' is an inaccessible document."

(Debate dated 20th February, 1961)

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### Regarding Work done by certain Committees of the House; especially the Public Accounts Committee

"I would advise all the Committees of the House to complete their work before the 15th of March, 1961, because after that, fresh elections to the Financial Committees are to be held and nominations made to the other Committees.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to express my appreciation of the work done by our Committees. They have done their work with great diligence and sincerity. I particularly congratulate the Members and the Chairmen of the Public Accounts Committee, the Estimates Committee, the Subordinate Legislation Committee and the Assurances Committee for their excellent

work. In the beginning some difficulties were experienced by the Committees in their proper functioning, but gradually these were overcome and then their work became smooth. I also congratulate the Chief Minister and the Heads of the Departments because many of the difficulties have been resolved due to the spirit of co-operation evinced by them in the meetings and consequently very little scope for complaints has been left. For this they deserve my sincere congratulations.

I would particularly like to make a mention of the work done by the Public Accounts Committee. It has indeed put in hard work and as the hon. Members are aware, after the presentation of the report of this Committee to the House a few days ago, the newspapers have published their valuable and constructive views. Apart from the leading newspapers of this State, the Indian Express has offered constructive comments on its report and has showered praises on its working. I hope the Government will take these comments in the same spirit in which these have been made.

All the hon. Members are aware that the House itself is not able to accomplish the entire work which falls to its lot in a democratic set up. Most of it is done in its Committees. Even in the House of Commons the highest importance is attached to the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee and their reports and recommendations are given top priority by the Government. I think here also these Committees should receive the same consideration. I would, therefore, suggest that careful and serious thought should be given to comments appearing in the newspapers about their work so that in the light of these comments the Committees may improve still further''.

(Debate dated 22nd February, 1961)

*Question* :

REFUSAL OF A MINISTER TO REPLY TO A QUESTION ON GROUNDS OF ITS NOT BEING IN PUBLIC INTEREST. SPEAKER TO BE INFORMED BEFORE MAKING SUCH A REPLY

"I think that where it is felt by a Minister that it is not in the public interest to give the information asked for in a question he should before giving a reply to that effect, have the courtesy to inform me about it".

(Debate dated 24th February, 1961).

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"I would request the Government not to take shelter under this general observation, "it is not in public interest to disclose the information". I will not accept this reply in future if it is going to be used very lightly".

(Debate dated 26th September, 1961).

REGARDING PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

"It is for the hon. Members to decide whether they want to speak for the sake of speaking on the Demands for Grants or they really want to convey their views on them to the Department concerned. Personally I am of the view that a mixed debate will not prove useful. It would be much better if

the hon. Members take up a particular Demand and discuss it. In this way their ideas would reach the Departments concerned in a clear and concise manner. Otherwise if they resort to a mixed debate on the Demands then it will lead them nowhere and it may not be possible for the Departments to make anything out of these general remarks. The discussion on the Governor's Address offers ample opportunities for a mixed and general debate and so does the general discussion on the Budget. So the way out is that when the hon. Members start speaking on the Demands for Grants they may indicate the number of the particular Demand which they want to discuss. The Ministers incharge of the Departments may experience some difficulty on account of this procedure, yet I think they will not mind it and take it in the right spirit. I would, however, request the hon. Members to be concise and to the point while speaking on the Demands.

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I have felt very often that there are some Demands for Grants which get little chance for being ever discussed. The new procedure adopted by the House today offers a ray of hope of such demands being taken up sometime. I, therefore, feel that this procedure may be tried. At least one advantage of adopting this procedure has been that Ministers have perforce remained in their seats all the time during the discussion and the other advantage is that the Members also have remained here.

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Certain Demands for Grants come before the House after having been specially selected for discussion according to the existing practice. But these demands which are left out may be thrown open for discussion for one or two days according to the new procedure. In this way these demands too will get a chance of being discussed.

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The Members would be well advised to remember that before they start speaking they may indicate the Demand which they are going to discuss. This would enable the Minister to make a suitable reply afterwards. In this way the procedure which we have adopted today, may prove to be a healthy one and we may be in a position to give a lead to other legislatures in this respect".

(Debate dated 24th February 1961).

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## Observations made by the Speaker while addressing the Members in the New Assembly Chamber

"Today is the most momentous day in the history of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. Today it has come into its own home even though the home is still incomplete, after a state of homelessness lasting for over 13 years. Our entry into our home is as yet only informal. We will enter formally after an inaugural ceremony when the entire building, including that of the Legislative Council, is built.

While others who were uprooted in the wake of partition, after differing periods of homelessness found their homes, we continued to be homeless. We

have no complaints to make for this prolonged homelessness but I am referring to it simply to emphasize that where others found their permanent abodes sooner or later, rather sooner than later, the institution of democracy in this State remained homeless and it would have continued to remain so had not our Prime Minister and the Chief Minister taken in their characteristic way, the bold decision in favour of construction of this place.

Hon. Members, you may recall that before our great Prime Minister came to lay the foundation stone of this building, in certain sections of the Press, a loud and persistent campaign was carried on against the construction of our Assembly Chamber. But I am happy that this campaign died as suddenly as it was born. It did not take long to realise the importance and necessity of a separate home for the Legislature.

No one can deny the pleasure of ownership because of the security that it engenders. No one for long could have wished to see us in make-shift abodes sharing our roof with others, being deprived of the joy and comfort of having a home, all our own.

The campaigners would not understand, perhaps they could not under stand, that Legislature, which in our Constitution is supreme, should, before any other organ of the State, have a place of its own. Their campaign against our having a separate home ended in a fiasco when the Prime Minister, in spite of them, came here and laid the foundation stone of our building. For all this, the highest tribute must be paid to Sardar Partap Singh Kairon who, notwithstanding the multitudinous commitments of his Government, unequivocally decided that there must be a building for us, so that years of our gypsyhood should end and we should be able to call some place our own, where our budding democracy might grow into maturity and acquire stability.

During the travails of the post-partition period we shifted about from place to place. In November, 1947, our Assembly held the first session after Independence in the Chamber of the Council of States in, what is now called, the Rashtrapati Niwas, but which was then known as the Governor-General's lodge. The offices of the Assembly were situated more than half a mile away from the venue of the session. There was dislocation of work but that, in the peculiar context of the situation in the country, was to be expected. We had just become independent and, therefore, happily disregarded all the inconveniences. But we were not prepared to let the monster of inefficiency raise its ugly head, which it was bound to do when the office was situated at one place, and the Chamber at another place, the two being separated by a fairly long distance. We then moved to the Chamber of the Central Legislative Assembly from 1948, where we remained up to September, 1953, when we moved down to Chandigarh. The Hall was at first more than ample for our Membership. But after the first general elections in 1952 when the number of our Membership increased to 119, the Hall started presenting a crowded appearance during the days of the sessions. And had we been there after integration when our Membership was 186, or after the second general elections, when our Membership was 154, we would not have been able to accommodate ourselves comfortably in that Hall. That Hall was not built for a large number of Members and it was expected to be used for only short whiles in the Summer. Therefore, this Hall, while it served our needs at the time, would have fallen far short of them in due course. We would have had to find some other place to accommodate all our Members.

The office part of the accommodation in the Central Assembly Hall was most inadequate. Our office was, at the time, not large. The Assembly had not yet set up the number of Committees that it did later with their multifarious duties. But, even then some part of the office was located in a building nearby.

We shifted to this place in September, 1953, without any Hall to hold our sessions or any building for our offices. Our offices were at first located in 12-type residential houses in Sector 23 and our first session was held in the Auditorium of the Punjab Engineering College. For the days of the session the office was shifted from Sector 23 to the College itself and accommodated in all kinds of rooms, some complete, some half complete and some quite incomplete. The Auditorium was temporarily fitted up for the session. After the session was over, the office went back to its quarters in Sector 23 and the temporary Assembly Hall 'vanished'. In fact, there was no Assembly Hall at all. Government had, however, decided to make available to us the Hall of the Junior Secondary School in Sector 10 for our sessions and the building of the School for our offices till such time as our place was built.

The Hall was made available to us in March, 1954, and we have been holding our sessions in it since. But, as you all know, it was shared by us with the other House. We could never call it entirely our own—in fact, we never did, and we had to adjust our timings, etc., with those of the other House which we would not have had to do if it were our own place. Nevertheless, we stayed in that Hall even though the accommodation in that Hall was hardly enough for us. The lobbies and the galleries were inadequate, and the accoustics and ventilation poor. The office accommodation fell far short of our requirements. We had taken two 8 type houses in Sector 11 for our offices ; and during the days of the sessions, who can forget, certainly not the Ministers, the appearance of our grounds which reminded one of a vast camp as around an oasis in a Sahara !

Now we have come to our own place and it is my proud privilege to welcome you here. What we lost in the wake of partition, our home, we have at long last found, and for this our gratitude is due to the people of the Punjab and to their representative, responsive Government for their courage and determination. We are grateful to those hon. Members who have from time to time held the portfolio of the Capital Project, Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa, Shri Mool Chand Jain, Shri Brish Bhan, Giani Kartar Singh and Rao Birendra Singh—and particularly to Chaudhri Suraj Mal and Sardar Niranjan Singh Talib, incharge at present, who have taken personal, even intimate interest in the day to day progress of this Hall.

We would be failing in our duty if we did not acknowledge with thanks the w ork,against heavy odds, done by the different Chief Engineers of the Project, Sarvshri P.L. Varma, Hukam Singh, R.N. Dogra and G.R. Nangea and their able and hard working Superintending Engineers and Executive Engineers and their staff and thousands of labourers. It is their labours which have brought about this achievement—this building in which we are sitting today. Last but not least is the tribute that is due to M. LeCorbusier who has planned this colossal building, one, whose uniqueness awes us today, and will awe the generations of the future who, in course of time and history will take our places here, and also to other architects, in particular, to Shri A.R. Prabhawalkar with whom I came into close contact early because of his continued connection with this great project.

Hon. Members, this is your home, the home of democracy, the peoples' home. But alas ! those valiant fighters of our freedom, those great patriots who sacrificed so that we may be free, those illustrious former Members of our House. Dr. Satya Pal, my great predecessor, Pandit Jagat Ram Harianvi, Dr. Lehna Singh Sethi, Chaudhri Krishan Gopal Dutta, Professor Mota Singh, Sardar Kehr Singh, Baba Nidhan Singh, Shri Nand Lal are no longer with us and we feel their absence deeply.

Hon. Members you sit here as the repositories of the common man's trust, which trust, it is your sacred duty to discharge faithfully and honestly. You will take decisions here, as you have, no doubt, been doing in the past but elsewhere, that will affect as much those who have sent you here as those yet unborn. People are looking up to you and in doing so expect, as their legitimate right, that you will fulfil their aspirations. The unborn generations will look back and judge your achievements with philosophic detachment and either acclaim you or denounce you. Your responsibilities, therefore, are tremendous, yet your opportunities are unbounded. Let me hope that your capacities also are immense and that you will meet the challenge of the future with fortitude. You are steering the destinies of this land of sages and heroes through the most difficult period of our nation's resurgent history, a period of renaissance. The achievements of your leadership would, therefore, be most critically judged by the historian of the future and let his verdict be in favour of the sincerity and honesty of your purpose, even if you have not been able to accomplish a great deal. He will realise that you had endless fields awaiting development and claiming your attention and a very short span of time at your disposal and he will not adjudge you adversely if he finds that you faithfully discharge your trust, even if your achievement was small.

Let us all, therefore, reaffirm our resolve—for it is only reaffirmation that is needed, the resolution, I am confident is already there—to render service and sacrifice in the noblest of noble causes, the development of our country in all its multisided aspects. In the wake of our development will naturally come our strength. We, therefore, develop ourselves as much for our prosperity as for our strength and prestige. Let us not fritter away our energies on argument and contradiction, on internecine conflicts and struggles. Let our energies converge on our development programmes. Let our democratic institutions be the instruments for pouring rich, though different, experiences into one common pool for the advantage of the community and not for constructing divergent multidirectional channels, each flowing feebly and ineffectively. Let us all join together, all parties, whether in the Government or in the Opposition, in yet again resolving that we will all, singly and together, do all we can for the prosperity and prestige of our great country. Let this new Hall be a witness to our resolve and let its walls resound, boldly and eloquently, with our achievements".

(Debate dated 6th March, 1961).

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## New Assembly Chamber—Defects in Construction and Seating Arrangements, etc., in the House. Consideration of Suggestions thereof by the General Purposes Committee

"Hon. Members, I would like to make a few observations about the new Chamber. As we have only recently shifted to the new building it will take some time before we get used to the new surroundings. I would request the

hon. Members that if they experience any difficulties they may bring them to my notice. We will discuss them in the meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

There has been some criticism regarding the Chamber and I have read the article written by Lala Jagat Narain. There are certain constructive suggestions made in that article and I fully endorse them. These cannot be treated as being mostly for the sake of criticism.

Any defects that come to our notice can be remedied now and with a view to considering such matters, a meeting of the General Purposes Committee is being held next week. The Members can offer their suggestions there. Those will be conveyed to the Architect. I feel that though we have been here for two days I have not been able to acclimatise myself to the new Chamber. I have the feeling that the Chair has been placed far too high. I have to consult the Secretary very often and also sometimes obtain books from the Library in the discharge of my duties but being seated here at a very high place I find myself helpless in this connection.

All these things had been discussed and settled before the construction was started but there seems to have been a departure from all that. The places now being used as lobbies are not lobbies, in fact ; but these are cells where machinery for automatic division system, etc., will be installed. Previously the lobbies were utilised for voting purposes but now with the introduction of an automatic vote recording system the traditional function of the lobbies will have undergone a change. I do admit that there are certain things in this building which are embarrassing indeed, but it is a very delicate matter to discuss them here and it would not be proper to criticise them.

As soon as you enter this building you feel as if you are in the Gwalior Fort. The existing lobbies are like cells and present a very dismal atmosphere but this is a temporary arrangement. When druggets, etc., are spread in the space just outside the Chamber, it will be used as a lobby and the hon. Members will be able to relax there. Quite adjacent to that there is a very big Library where the hon. Members can spend their time in study instead of whiling it away otherwise. We are shortly setting up a Reference and Research Section in the room adjoining to the Library. Dr. Bhargava is not present in the House otherwise I would have made a request to him in this connection. Tea is also available quite near the Chamber. We have record rooms in the basement and three *deodies* at the main entrance, one for the public, the other for M.L.As and the third in the centre for the contact between M.L.As and the public. No doubt every body is experiencing difficulty in this new building but since it is a sort of rehearsal, most of the difficulties would be overcome in course of time. Shortly I am going to convene a meeting of the General Purposes Committee. The hon. Members can either send their suggestions in writing or if they chose to attend the meeting themselves they are welcome to participate in the deliberations.

I have already taken up the matter regarding the seating arrangement in the Chamber and have told the authorities that the Members would feel uneasy by sitting erect all the time. All these things have to be given careful thought".

(Debate dated 8th March, 1961)

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## Regarding the time of interviews with the Ministers and accompanying of visitors with the Legislators in the Assembly building

"I would request the Ministers that they should fix time for interviews while they are here in the Assembly so that the work in this House may not be obstructed by the chits sent to them by the public intermittently. Secondly, I would request the hon. Members that the visitors accompanying them should stay in the hall meant for them in the basement. We have to set up wholesome traditions here in this new Chamber and if we adhere to them strictly we shall facilitate the smooth working of the Legislature. I do admit that the Members and the Ministers have their duties to the public as well but while they are here their primary duty is to attend to Assembly business. So I would request them to fix timings for interviews."

(Debate dated 15th March, 1961)

## Regarding walk-out staged by a Lady Member

"Hon. Members, as you are aware, yesterday a Lady Member staged a walk-out when Mr. Deputy Speaker was in the Chair. Because she could not catch the eye of the Chair, she said that she was staging a walk-out. I have gone through the proceedings. I would like to inform the House that it is contempt of the House as well as of the Chair, to demonstrate and stage a walk-out because of not being able to catch the eye of the Speaker. I am taking action against this Lady Member for this demonstration as well as for carrying out propaganda against this House within the Assembly precincts. Earlier I had shown leniency to her on the recommendations of Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, but she has started mis-behaving again. I am not going to tolerate it."

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"I may tell the House that I have ascertained that where a Member is suspected of having lost balance of mind I am vested with powers to deal with such a Member and I propose to proceed accordingly."

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"If the hon. Member comes to my Chamber, I will show him the proceedings of that day and the decision arrived at. If any hon. Member leaves the House silently, then that can be ignored although that too is a contempt of the House, but a walk-out with such a demonstration cannot be ignored. Therefore, I am not going to have any soft corner for this Lady Member. If my real brother or real sister were to indulge in such a behaviour, I would turn them out by the ear. I am here to maintain the dignity and decorum of the House. So far as human temper is concerned that is a different matter. It is a matter of mutual accommodation; sometimes I agree to their suggestions while at others the hon. Members have to give in to me. Sometimes I bring round the hon. Members like a brother but in the case of imbalance, it becomes altogether a different matter."

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"The hon. Member has become her leader only recently. Pandit Shri Ram

Sharma proved a failure despite all the tact that he brought to bear upon the matter."

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"All right. Let him make an effort to bring her round to behave properly."

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"Kanwarani Sahiba has now returned to her seat in the Chamber. But before proceeding further I would remind the House that I had pointed out earlier that she was guilty of contempt of the Chair. So she should first express her unqualified regret for her behaviour. If she does not do so, then she should withdraw from the House."

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She should say, "I express regret for the walk-out staged by me yesterday against not catching the eye of the Deputy Speaker when he was in the Chair."

(Debate dated 21st March, 1961—Morning Sitting)

REGARDING MOTION TO DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

"I received the notice of motion to discuss the report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation in the House. But I kept it for discussion with the Chairman of the Committee. Anyhow I do admit that it does not look proper that the two Committees constituted separately—one by the Vidhan Sabha and the other by the Legislative Council—for a purpose should put conflicting interpretation on the same rules.

We had sought the guidance of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha in this matter. I thought it better to follow the procedure evolved there in this respect.

It has been intimated to us that "In Lok Sabha the Reports of the Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee, Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Committee on Government Assurances are presented to the House, but are neither discussed nor adopted by the House. It is, however, open to the Members to draw the attention of the Government to the recommendations made in the Reports of these Committees through questions during Budget discussions, etc."

Regarding two Committees on Subordinate Legislation I had a talk with the Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council in a general way once, though not specifically on this issue. I would again discuss this matter with him so that a way may be found and confusion avoided. It would also be desirable if we divide the Acts between ourselves. Some Acts may be examined by the Committee of the Council and the others by that of this House. It would not only result in a division of work but also in the avoidance of any possible clash of views. It does not look proper that there should be any conflict or clash of views over such matters.

In the Conference of the Presiding Officers held at Bangalore, the following point was suggested by a State Legislature for discussion:—

Is it not desirable that the reports of the Estimates Committee, Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Committee on Government Assurances, after presentation to the House should also be

considered and adopted by the House like that of the Public Accounts Committee?

One of the objects of the Presiding Officer's Conference is to discuss matters of common interest to all the Legislatures in the country under the guidance of the hon. Speaker of the Lok Sabha with a view to bringing about uniformity in the parliamentary procedure both at the Centre and in the State Legislatures.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat in their note on this subject *inter alia* observed as under, and I entirely agree with the views contained therein. I am also sure that most of the other Legislatures also agree with the views of the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

"So far as the Committee on Subordinate Legislation are concerned, they examine the orders before them in a non-partisan manner on behalf of the entire House and not on behalf of any party or section. Deliberations in the Committee are always permeated by a spirit of co-operation. The conclusions are based not on mere academic studies but are taken after bearing in mind practical difficulties and factual realities because at every stage the Ministries are given a chance to place their views before the Committee. The Ministries also treat the reports of the Committee as if they had emerged from the House and try to implement the recommendations in good faith. If the reports are discussed in the House the adoption or non-adoption thereof will inevitably be on party lines and thus the opportunity of mutual adjustment between the Committee and the Government would be lost.

Nevertheless the House can discuss a recommendation of the Committee which the Government have not accepted or about which the Committee have insisted on its implementation."

I want this procedure to be followed here also."

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"What can we do if they insist on having a separate Committee? I would request the hon. Member not to stretch this matter any more. There are certain matters which I do not want to divulge in the House. If the hon. Member is interested he may see me in my Chamber and I will explain to him."

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"This is a complicated matter. What can we do if they insist on having a separate Committee? This problem can be solved only through mutual adjustments and understanding."

(Debate dated 28th March, 1961)

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## Vidhan Sabha and the Legislative Council are to be guided by the Rulings of their own Presiding Officers

On 28th March, 1961, when it was being discussed whether the report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation could be brought under discussion in the House, Chaudhri Inder Singh raised a point of order as to what would be the position in case different rulings were given by the Speaker of the Sabha and the Chairman, Legislative Council, in their respective Houses on the same

subject, the Speaker held that the Vidhan Sabha would be guided by the rulings of the Speaker, while Chairman's ruling would apply to the Legislative Council.

(Debate dated 28th March, 1961)

REGARDING NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

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"I have observed that notices of some of the adjournment motions were given very late. Perhaps, it is due to the reason that the hon. Members have reached here late. I am referring to them in the House today, but it should not be treated as a precedent. Members cannot ask that the motions, notices of which are received late, should be considered. Today I am doing so because it is the first day of the session and because the time at the disposal of the hon. Members was very short. In future, I will not consider any adjournment motion, the notice of which is not received in time. Even otherwise, the hon. Members concerned ought to have first discussed their motions with me in my Chamber. I wonder why they do not observe the practices properly."

(Debate dated 20th September, 1961)

REGARDING—

(i) QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE RAISED BY SHRI RAM PIARA ON THE 16TH NOVEMBER, 1960, ALLEGING THAT HE WAS THREATENED BY SHRI HANS RAJ SHARMA, CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

(ii) QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE RAISED BY CHAUDHRI INDER SINGH AND DR. BALDEV PARKASH ON THE 20TH MARCH, 1961, REGARDING LAYING OF THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REPORT OF THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PRIOR TO THEIR BEING LAID BEFORE THE VIDHAN SABHA

"The House will recall that on the 16th of November,1960, Shri Ram Piara, M.L.A., raised a question of Privilege alleging that he was threatened by Shri Hans Raj Sharma, M.L.A., Chief Parliamentary Secretary. I did not decide the matter, but referred it to the Committee of Privileges and informed the House that I would give my ruling after I receive the Report of that Committee as to whether the allegation made by the hon. Member amounted to a breach of privilege or not.

I have received the Report of the Committee. The Committee held a number of sittings from time to time and had the opportunity of examining a number of Members in this connection. Their view is that the alleged threat, in fact, was not a threat as explained to them by Shri Hans Raj Sharma, Chief Parliamentary Secretary, and this position was accepted by Shri Ram Piara, M.L.A., before the Committee, on the 13th of May, 1961. The Committee has recommended that this matter be treated as closed. I have accepted the recommendation. The matter will be treated as closed.

The House may also remember that in the last session I referred the question of privilege raised by certain hon. Members regarding the laying of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government before the Legislative Council first and then before the Legislative Assembly to the Committee of Privileges for examination and report to me before I gave any definite opinion

myself in the matter. The Committee examined this matter at length in all its legal and constitutional aspects and their view is as follows—

"The Committee after examining the question have come to the conclusion that the action of the Finance Minister in laying the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1959-60 and Audit Report, 1961 before the Punjab Legislative Council first and then before the Punjab Legislative Assembly is not illegal and does not constitute a breach of privilege of this House and, therefore, recommend that the matter be dropped.

The Committee, however, feel that in view of the fact that it is the Legislative Assembly which votes or grants moneys to the Government, it would be more desirable that in future the Appropriation Accounts explaining the manner in which the moneys have been appropriated and the Audit Report thereon are laid before the Legislative Assembly first as is the practice in the West Bengal Legislature which is based on well-established principle that the Legislative Assembly plays a prominent and perhaps a decisive part in all financial matters."

Accordingly, this matter is also dropped."

(Debate dated 21st September, 1961)

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PRIVILEGE : ALLUSION TO SOME OTHER MEMBER'S SPEECH AND FAITHFUL REPRODUCTION THEREOF IN THE PRESS DOES NOT COME WITHIN THE SCOPE OF A PRIVILEGE

On the 25th September, 1961, Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann sought to raise a question of privilege regarding a news item appearing in the "Hind Samachar', an Urdu daily relating to his speech and that of the Minister for Agriculture and Forests delivered on the floor of the House. The Speaker, although did not give his consent to the matter being raised, made the following observations on the 25th and 26th September, 1961, respectively:—

"The notice of this privilege motion was handed over to me today when I was about to leave my chamber for coming to the House. Therefore, I could not go through the matter.

I was here in the House on that day when Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann delivered his speech and, as far as I remember, it was full of condemnation of the agitation.

Anyway, I would not like to rely on my memory and will go through the relevant proceedings. After going through the proceedings if I find that there is nothing to substantiate the news item I will refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges for examination and report to me."

(Debate dated 25th September, 1961).

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"I have examined the question of Privilege which was sought to be raised by Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann on the 25th September, 1961. The hon. Member had stated that Lala Jagat Narain had published a wrong version of his (Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann's) speech.

The newspaper has published the speech of Lala ji. There is nothing to prevent a member from alluding during the course of his speech to some other member's speech. Whatever the spirit of the original speech may be, one can make one's own observations in regard to it. I have gone through the speech delivered by Lala ji on the floor of the House. I find that the news item objected to is a faithful reproduction of his speech. Therefore, the question whether its publication is in keeping with the spirit or contents of the speech of the hon. Member, Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann, is not relevant here.

An hon. Member has full liberty to say what he likes and then the faithful reproduction thereof in the Press does not come within the scope of Privilege. For this reason, I cannot entertain the privilege issue sought to be raised by the hon. Member (Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann) and do not give my consent to the matter being raised."

(Debate dated 26th September, 1961).

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PRIVILEGE : MISREPORTING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE : BREACH OF PRIVILEGE

On the 27th September, 1961, Sardar Udham Singht sough to raise a question of privilege regarding misreporting of the proceedings of the House by the 'Hind Samachar', an Urdu daily, in its issue, dated the 21st September, 1961, relating to the walk-out staged by the Members of the Panthic Group on the 20th September, 1961. After factual verification of the report from the official record, the Speaker observed:—

"When this matter was brought to my notice in the morning, I had asked that the report in the newspaper be compared with the official report. The Secretary has told me that the word 'बेवकूफी' does not occur in the record. I was surprised as to how the newspaper published such a thing. I wonder why they have misreported it.

When the adjournment motion in question was taken up, I had given my ruling that it should have dealt with a single specific matter. In fact the adjournment motion dealt with four different matters. Therefore, on that ground I declared it out of order. When the Members of the Panthic Group staged a walk out I remarked that they were doing so because of their own mistake and not against my ruling. But the 'Hind Samachar' has added the word 'बेवकूफी' on its own in the news item. I think it will be better if Lala ji offers a regret in his paper and issues a contradiction to this effect.

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The paper should offer regret over it and publish a contradiction within a day or two failing which I will be obliged to refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges.

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A letter should immediately be sent to the Editor of the Paper. A copy of the observations made by me on that day be also sent to him and he should be asked to contradict the news which has been objected to and also express regret for it. I do not think any useful purpose will be served by stretching this matter."

(Debate dated 27th September, 1961—First Sitting).

(A contradiction and regret was published in the Paper in its issue, dated 28th September, 1961, and the matter was treated as closed under orders of the Speaker).

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REGARDING IMPUTING OF MOTIVES TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT PRESENT IN THE HOUSE

"Motives should not be imputed to a person who is not present in the House".

(Debate dated 27th September, 1961—First Sitting).

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REGARDING REMARKS ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUBORDINATE SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

"No remarks about the integrity of the members of the Subordinate Services Selection Board should form part of the proceedings of the Sabha. But so far as the question of principle or constitution of the Board is concerned, it is perfectly relevant to the debate".

(Debate dated 27th September, 1961—First Sitting).

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FAREWELL SPEECH BY THE SPEAKER

"Before the House adjourns *sine-die* I would like to thank the hon. Members belonging to the Treasury and Opposition Benches for the co-operation extended by them to me in conducting the proceedings of the House. After the next general elections, the present Members of the House will meet for the last time in March, 1962.

We have been working in close co-operation during all these years. I have had the proud privilege to preside over the deliberations of this august House. Although there have been some occasions on which there was tension, yet I can say it with a sense of pride that it did not affect our personal regard for one another.

Sometimes I had to put up a show of anger. Had I not done that, at times, particularly in the case of Chaudhri Balbir Singh, the proceedings of the House could not have been conducted smoothly (*Laughter*). But he should rest assured that I had no ill-will towards him at heart. I hold him in high esteem. We have cultivated bonds of love and affection during this period.

Whatever decisions I took as the Speaker of this House were constantly inspired by the voice of my conscience and faith in God and I feel proud to say that I took these decisions in all earnestness and independently, without any sort of influence from any quarter. Sometimes, I had to resort to a particular course of action in order to cool down the tempers which had run so high in the House. Sometimes the Members of the Opposition parties felt pleased and on other occasions my rulings appeared to have gone in favour of the Government but I take this opportunity to make it perfectly clear to the House that these rulings were unbiased and according to what the circumstances warranted. When I recall to my mind the work of the last five years I do not feel that even once did

I by-pass the dictates of my conscience. If you feel that I have erred sometimes, then it might have been an error of judgment and to err is human. But still I hold that I did not do anything against the canons of justice.

We are living in an age of democracy and we have to appear at the bar of the masses after every five years. They judge our worth from our performance inside the House and in the Government. They judge our achievements from the honest and hard labour which we put in for the accomplishment of the task entrusted to us. Our masses are now very much wide awake and conscious of their rights. Still sometimes they ignore a person who is loyal, honest and selfless and prefer the one who might have been helpful to them. If somebody has not been of any personal help to them they might begin condemning him. But if the Legislators have served the masses honestly and sincerely then they should not be afraid of such persons who condemn and criticise them for their own selfish ends. I know of certain members of this House who have made a solid contribution to the progress of the State, but now they appear to have dropped the idea of contesting the general elections because they feel that they do not want to have any headaches. I would suggest to them and request the senior Members to persuade them not to keep away from the elections. The aim of the Members whether in the ruling party or in the Opposititon, is to make united efforts to see that the experiment of democracy in the State is a success. They are quite capable and honest persons and they have made solid contributions to the deliberations of the House.

I pray that all of you may be successful in the coming general elections. However, our sympathies will be for those who are unsuccessful.

With these words I bid you good-bye.

I earnestly thank the leaders of the parties and groups and the members of the House for the unstinted co-operation offered to me in the discharge of my functions. Thank you very much."

(Debate dated 28th September, 1961—Second Sitting).

## APPENDIX I

## OFFICIAL BILLS PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING THE YEARS 1957—62

1. **The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 6th May, 1957 ; passed on the 7th May, 1957)

This Bill defined " recruitment " and obviated the necessity of consulting the Public Service Commission by Local Bodies in the case of appointments by promotion or transfer in the cadre of the same service even when the initial salary involved was Rs 150 or more.

2. **The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1957** (Introduced on the 6th May, 1957, passed on the 7th May, 1957).

This Bill extended the operation of the principal Act to the areas of the erstwhile State of Pepsu which are within a five miles' radius of Chandigarh.

3. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 6th May, 1957 ; passed on the 7th May, 1957).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing a penalty up to twelve times the amount of surcharge recoverable from a landowner who failed to furnish the details of the total land revenue payable by him within thirty days from the commencement of this Act or furnished wrong information, to the Patwari in respect of every revenue estate in which his land was situated.

4. **The Punjab Cotton, Ginning and Pressing Factories (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 6th May, 1957; passed on the 6th May, 1957).

This Bill made provision for the licensing of gins and presses by amending the principal Act.

5. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 2) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 6th May, 1957 ; passed on the 6th May, 1957).

This Bill sought to extend certain laws to the territories comprised in the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

6. **The Punjab Court of Wards (Validation of Exercise of Powers) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 7th May, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill sought to validate certain orders made, proceedings taken and acts done since 1st October, 1949, by officers not below the rank of Extra Assistant Commissioners in respect of any Court of Wards Estate.

7. **The Press and Registration of Books (Punjab Amendmt) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 7th May, 1957; passed on the 7th May, 1957).

This Bill was necessitated by the amendment of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, by a Act 55 of 1955, which rendered certain provisions of Punjab Acts XIV of 1942 and XXV of 1950 void. It also provided for prevention of two or more printing presses bearing identical or similar names from coming into existence in the State.

8. **The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th May, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill abolished the punishment of whipping.

9. **The Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**(Introduced on the 17th May, 1957 ; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill amended section 13 of the principal Act by providing for the ejectment of a tenant whose tenancy was in consequence of his being an employee of a landlord but whose employment with the landlord had ceased.

10. **The Punjab Backward Classes (Grant of Loans) Bill, 1957.**(Introduced on the 17th May, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill enabled Government to grant interest-free loans to persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Schduled Tribes and other Backward Classes who due to lack of finance found it difficult to establish themselves in the professions of law, medicine, etc., after completing their studies.

11. **The Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill. 1957.**(Introduced on the 21st May, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill empowered a Collector to terminate the lease and take possession of the land of a lessee committing a breach of any of the terms and conditions of section 5 of the principal Act, and further gave specific powers to the Collector to enforce the conditions of clause 11 of the prescribed lease deed.

12. **The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Second Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 22nd May, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill exempted members of the Armed Forces of India serving in the State of Punjab from the levy of the tax. It also prescribed penalties for failure to render returns of income, etc., in connection with the levy of the tax.

13. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill 1957.** (Introduced on the 28th May, 1957; passed on the 28th May, 1957).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the Grants voted by the Legislative Assembly and the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year ending on the 31st of March, 1958.

14. **The Industrial Disputes (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th May, 1957; passed on the 29th May, 1957).

This Bill amended sections 7 and 7-C of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (Central Act No. XIV of 1947), in its application to the State of Punjab, with a view to making the existing Tribunals eligible for appointment as Tribunal/Labour Courts under the said Act.

15. **The Industrial Disputes (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th May, 1957; passed on the 29th May, 1957).

This Bill amended section 30 of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1956, to enable the Industrial Tribunal, Patiala, since wound up, to be reconstituted and to start proceedings in the disputes referred to it by the State Government from the stage at which these were left.

16. **The Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 14th June, 1957; passed on the 15th June, 1957.)

This Bill provided for the setting up of a State Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank with a net-work of District Mortgage Banks on a co-operative basis for the grant of long-term loans to owners of land or other immovable property to enable them to discharge their debts, to acquire land for the formation of economic holdings and other like purposes.

17. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th June, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill sought to enhance the existing rate of sales tax on motor spirits from three annas to four annas per imperial gallon.

18. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 3) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th June, 1957 ; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill sought to extend certain laws to the territories comprised in the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

19. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th June, 1957 ; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill sought to increase the existing rate of tax on fares and freights to two pies per anna value of the fare or freight and to compound in the case of public carriers for lumpsum payments at 50 per cent above the existing rates.

20. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th June, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill introduced an all-round 30 per cent increase over the present rates of Court Fees in the State.

21. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th June, 1957; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill altered the designation " Election Commissioner" occurring in the Sikh Gurdwaras Act to "Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections".

22. **The Punjab Resumption of Jagirs Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 17th June, 1957 ; passed on the 17th June, 1957).

This Bill contemplated the extinguishment and resumption of all Jagirs and Muafis in the State, excepting Military Jagirs and Jagirs and Muafis in favour of religious and charitable institutions, on payment of compensation.

23. **The Punjab Courts Laws (Extension) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of the Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations relating to the practice and procedure of the Punjab High Court and Courts under its superintendence to the territories of the erstwhile Pepsu State.

24. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 30th October, 1957).

This Bill amending the principal Act, enjoined on every land-owner or tenant owning or holding land in excess of the permissible area to file, within six months from the commencement of the Act, a declaration in respect of the entire land owned or held by him in the prescribed form and provided a penalty for defaulters or who submitted false declarations. It further gave such land-owners and tenants an opportunity to select their permissible area.

25. **The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill authorised the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Commission to give grants and loans to the Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board. It further vested certain powers in the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board.

26. **The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 30th October, 1957).

This Bill amended section 32-B of the principal Act so as to require every landowner or tenant owning or holding land in excess of the permissible limit to furnish, within a period of six months from the commencement of the Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, to the Collector, a return of selection of his land not exceeding in the aggregate the permissible limit and the land in respect of which he claimed exemption from the ceiling.

27. **The Societies Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill empowered the State Government to appoint their own officer for carrying out the work under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, which was formerly done by the Registrar, Joint Stock Companies.

28. **The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**(Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill empowered the State Government to exempt the sites, premises or cinema buildings used or intended to be used for cinematograph exhibitions from the operation of any of the provisions of the principal Act or of any rules made thereunder.

29. **The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill empowered the Chief Administrator at Chandigarh to exercise within the capital area of Chandigarh powers similar to those vested in the Local Bodies under the Municipal Act, 1911.

30. **The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 23 rd October, 1957).

This Bill regularised the retention of certain punishments in the Jail Rules.

31. **The Punjab Warehouses Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 23rd October, 1957 ; passed on the 25th October, 1957).

This Bill provided for the regulation and licensing of warehouses in the State of Punjab.

32. **The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 25th October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of the Punjab Entertainments Duty Act, 1955, to the whole of the new State of Punjab.

33. **The Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Bill, 1957** .(Introduced on the 25th October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill repealed the Punjab Trade Employees Act, 1940, and provided for the regulation of conditions of work and employment in shops and commercial establishments.

34. **The Punjab Mechanical Vehicles (Bridge Tolls) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 25th October 1957 ; passed on the 30th October, 1957).

This Bill provided for the levy and collection of tolls on mechanical vehicles crossing certain bridges in the State of Punjab.

35. **The Punjab Laws (Application) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 25th October, 1957 ; passed on the 25th October, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of certain Punjab institutional laws to similar institutions, authorities and dignitaries of the new State of Punjab as from the 1st day of November, 1956.

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36. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 25th October, 1957 ; passed on the 25th October, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of the principal Act to the whole area of the new State of Punjab except to Gurgaon district, certain parts of Amritsar District and Kulu Sub-Division of Kangra District.

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37. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the financial year 1957-58.

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38. **The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th October, 1957; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill made the offences punishable under the principal Act as "cognizable."

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39. **The Criminal Law Amendment (Extension) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932, in force in the erstwhile State of Punjab to the territories of the new State of Punjab.

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40. **The Punjab Special Powers (Press) (Amendment)Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th October, 1957 ; passed on the 29th October, 1957).

This Bill provided for a time-limit during which an order prohibiting the bringing into the State of any newspaper, periodical, leaflet or other publication containing any matter prejudicial to the maintenance of communal harmony shall remain in force and also for a right of representation against such order by the aggrieved persons.

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41. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 30th October, 1957 ; passed on the 30th October, 1957).

This Bill gave certain powers to the officers of the Excise and Taxation Department to secure the attendance in courts of such owners/drivers of motor vehicles/public carriers who were detected plying without registration and payment of tax.

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42. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 30th October, 1957 ; passed on the 30th October, 1957).

This Bill exempted from the payment of property tax buildings and lands which were attached to public parks and play grounds.

43. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Charges) Bill, 1957.** (Introduced on the 29th October, 1957 ; passed on the 11th February, 1958).

This Bill provided for the levy and payment of a special charge on land revenue by every landowner who paid land revenue in excess of seventy rupees with effect from the Rabi harvest of the agricultural year 1956-57 in accordance with the rates specified in the Schedule.

44. **The Nangal Township (Periphery) Control Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 12th February, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill provided for controlled development in the periphery of Nangal Township.

45. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 26th February, 1958 ; passed on the 31st March, 1958).

This Bill removed the lacuna in the principal Act by making all lands whether situated outside or inside town sites, equally liable to special assessment subject to the exceptions enumerated in the proviso to Section 59(1)(f) of the Act.

46. **The Punjab Textiles and Sugar (Existing Stocks) Purchase Tax and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 3rd March, 1958 ; passed on the 7th April, 1958).

This Bill provided for the levy of purchase tax on stocks of textiles and sugar held by dealers and for the abolition of the tax on sales of certain goods and of vend fees on tobacco in order to save the mercantile community from maintaining tedious accounts and the Government from some administrative costs.

47. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 3rd March, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill empowered the Departmental officers to inspect and, if necessary, seize the log books from the drivers of public carriers of other States found plying in the Punjab without their permits being countersigned by the competent authority.

48. **The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 3rd March, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

It extended the application of the Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Act, 1952 to the whole of the new State of Punjab.

49. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 8th April, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill sought to convert into decimal coinage the rates of Court Fee expressed in the old coinage.

50. **The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 7th April, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill extended the life of the principal Act upto the 14th April, 1963.

1. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 4th March, 1958 ; passed on the 4th March, 1958).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure during the financial year 1957-58.

52. **The Punjab Distressed Persons (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 11th March, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April 1958).

This Bill empowered the Government to grant loans to landless persons afflicted by distress caused by calamities.

53. **The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill 1958.** (Introduced on the 8th April, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill sought to convert into decimal coinage the rates of stamp duty expressed in the old coinage.

54. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 4) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 8th April, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill extended the application of some further laws to the territory of the erstwhile State of Pepsu with a view to achieving uniformity in the matter of application of laws in the new State of Punjab.

55. **The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 21st March, 1958 ; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill provided for the construction , alteration and realignment of water courses in the State and for certain other ancillary matters.

56. **The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 28th March, 1958; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill provided for the levy of a duty on the sale or consumption of electricity in the State.

57. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 27th March, 1958; passed on the 27th March, 1958).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the Grants made by the Legislative Assembly and the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year ending the 31st March, 1959.

58. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 1st April, 1958 ; passed on the 2nd April, 1958).

This Bill—

(i) enhanced the general rates of Sales Tax from 2 old pice to 4 Naye Paise ;

(ii) deleted certain items from the Schedule of exemptions appended to the Act ;

(iii) levied a tax on raw materials purchased by manufacturers ; and

(iv) provided for the levy of 75 naye Paise per hundred rupees on the sale of foodgrains and pulses as an "Education Cess".

59. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (Buildings and Building Sites) (Amendment), Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 8th April, 1958; passed on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill removed the inconsistency between the provisions of Section 2(d) and Section 4 of the principal Act with regard to the grant of lease, the removal of which was intended to facilitate the recovery of the lease money as arrears of land revenue.

60. **The Punjab Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958**(Introduced on the 15th September, 1958; passed on the 24th September, 1958).

This Bill replaced the Punjab Weights and Measures Act, 1941, in order to give effect to the Metric system of weights and measures in the State.

61. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 17th September, 1958; passed on the 17th September, 1958).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the money required to meet the expenditure on account of excesses over Grants and Appropriations for the year ended on the 31s March, 1953.

62. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 17th September, 1958; passed on the 17th September, 1958).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the Financial Year 1958-59.

63. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 5) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 24th September, 1958).

This Bill provided for the application of certain laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

64. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 6) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 22nd December, 1958).

This Bill provided for the extension of certain regional laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu with a view to achieving uniformity in the matter of application of laws in the State of Punjab after integration.

65. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 23rd September, 1958).

This Bill safeguarded the rights and interests of tenants against mala-fide transactions and prohibited further acquisition of land in excess of the permissible area by inheritance, transfer, exchange, lease, agreement or settlement.

66. **The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 24th September, 1958).

This Bill safeguarded the rights and interests of tenants against mala fide transactions and gave option to the tenants to claim restoration of rights of ownership in respect of the pre-empted land on payment of the price paid to him by the pre-emptor. It also extended the period during which land-owners and tenants owning or holding lands in excess of the permissible limit were required to furnish returns in respect of their lands.

67. **The Punjab Resumption of Jagirs (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958 ; passed on the 24th September, 1958).

This Bill extended the period for the making of the applications by the Jagirdars entitled to payment of compensation.

68. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 24th September, 1958).

This Bill made consequential amendment in section 79 of the parent Act and substituted "Commissioner" for "Financial Commissioner".

69. **The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 15th September, 1958).

This Bill amended the parent Act by extending its application to the evacuee property situated in the erstwhile Punjab area.

70. **The Pepsu Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958 ; passed on the 24th September, 1958).

This Bill extended the application of the parent Act to the evacuee property located in the erstwhile Pepsu area.

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71. **The Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958 ; passed on the 23rd September, 1958).

This Bill authorised the State Government to change the working hours of certain categories of establishments.

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72. **The Punjab Vaccination (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 22nd December, 1958).

This Bill provided for the appointment of Inspectors of Vaccination and Sanitation for performing vaccination operations.

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73. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 8th April, 1958; passed on the 31st December, 1958).

This Bill amended the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925, for the purpose of extending it to the territories of the erstwhile Pepsu State.

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74. **The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 18th February, 1958; passed on the 10th September, 1958).

This Bill provided more facilities of maternity benefit to the female workers for the proper maintenance of their health as well as that of their new born children.

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75. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. I) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 3rd March, 1959 ; passed on the 3rd March, 1959).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab of the sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the financial year 1958-59.

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76. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 19th March, 1959; passed on the 19th March, 1959).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Vidhan Sabha and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year 1959-60.

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77. **The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 16th February, 1959 ; passed on the 20th March, 1959).

This Bill provided for the levy of advance payment of Betterment Charges to be ultimately adjusted against the Betterment Charges leviable on the lands concerned.

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78. **The Electricity (Supply) (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 3rd March, 1959; passed on the 20th March, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab so as to provide for the transfer of all the electrical works of the Bhakra Nangal Project including the common pool works to the State Electricity Board.

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79. **The Punjab Wild Life Preservation Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 30th March, 1959).

This Bill provided for the protection and preservation of wild birds and wild animals in the re-organised State of Punjab and repealed the existing law on the subject.

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80. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on the 10th September, 1958; passed on the 31st March, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to operate Court decrees for possession of lands, allotted to judgment debtors during consolidation proceedings.

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81. **The Punjab State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 16th February, 1959; passed on the 31st March, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to empower the Director of Industries, in place of the State Government to present the loan applications to the Board of Industries and also empowered any officer authorised by the State Government to perform all or any function of the Director of Industries under the Act.

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82. **The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 3rd March, 1959 ; passed on the 31st March, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to extend its application to the erstwhile State of Pepsu with effect from the 28th August, 1949.

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83. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 6th April, 1959; passed on the 6th April, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for the enhancement of the existing rate of sales tax on motor spirit from 25 naye Paise to 30 naye Paise per imperial gallon.

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84. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 6th April, 1959; passed on the 6th April, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by bringing it into conformity with the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 and providing for relief for the State Industry in the matter of purchase tax on raw materials iby mposing it only at one stage.

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85. **The Punjab Local Authorities (Aided Schools) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on the 30th March, 1959 ; passed on the 7th April, 1959).

This Bill provided for the management and control of Local Authorities schools receiving grants-in-aid from the State Government and also to amend the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 and the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, requiring these bodies to make contributions to Government.

86. **The Punjab Electricity (Duty) (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 30th March, 1959; passed on 7th April, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by including the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in the areas subject to the levy of electricity duty and by limiting the exemption granted to the Government of India in the matter of electricity duty.

87. **The Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of Purchase and Supply) (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 7th April, 1959 ; passed on 7th April, 1959.

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for the imposition of tax from the commencement of the crushing season irrespective of the date of issue of notification in the Government Gazette.

88. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Second Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 30th March, 1959; passed on 8th April, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for the matters connected with the elections to Committees constituted under the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Act, 1959.

89. **The Punjab Reclamation of Land Bill, 1958.** (Introduced on 10th September, 1958; passed on 8th April, 1959).

This Bill provided for the reclamation of waste land in certain areas through private agencies and recovery of the expenditure incurred as arrears of land revenue from the owners who derived benefits under the new scheme.

90. **The Punjab Co-operative Sugar Mills (Further Extension of Tenure of Boards) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 16th February, 1959; passed on 8th April, 1959).

This Bill extended the tenure of office of the first Board of Directors nominated by the State Government in the Punjab Co-operative Sugar Mills, in which the State Government had financial interests to four years from the date of the first constitution of the Board.

91. **The Essential Commodities (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June, 1959; passed on 30th June, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab providing for the forfeiture of packages, coverings, vessels, etc., used in carrying food stuffs in case an offence under Section 7 of the Act had been committed.

92. **The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June, 1959 ; passed on 30th June, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab in relation to Articles 14, 27 and 62 (a) of the old Schedule 1-A.

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93. **The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June, 1959 ; passed on 30th June, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to reduce the period of notice from three months to six weeks to be served on the owners of unauthorised structures erected in the periphery area around Chandigarh.

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94. **The Punjab Resumption of Jagirs (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June, 1959 ; passed on 30th June, 1959).

This Bill sought to clarify certain points that had come to notice during the working of the Punjab Resumption of Jagirs Act, 1957.

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95. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 1st July, 1959 ; passed on 1st July, 1959).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of the sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Saba for expenditure during the financial year 1959-60.

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96. **The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June, 1959 ; passed on 1st July, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing that if Khasra Girdawri of a village for a certain period out of fifteen years was not available and it was not possible to determine the average annual rent for purposes of compensation it should be taken as one-four of the average market value of the land.

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97. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Second Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June, 1959 ; passed on 1st July, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to enable tenants holding evacuee lands on permanent basis to pre-empt sales of tenancy lands and purchase their proprietary rights.

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98. **The Punjab Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 29th June 1959 ; passed on 2nd July, 1959).

This Bill provided for a speedy machinery to keep all Government owned lands, whether put to agricultural or non-agricultural use, free from all encroachments and unlawful possessions.

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99. **The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 2nd July, 1959 ; passed on 2nd July, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to bring section 29 thereof in conformity with the amended Article 286 of the Constitution.

100. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment), Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 2nd July, 1959 ; passed on 2nd July, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for the enhancement of the rate of halting allowance and the granting of an incidental allowance and halting allowance during a break of less than four days between two successive meetings to M.L.A.s.

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101. **The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1959 ; passed on 14th December, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act with a view to giving more facilities of right of appeals to the aggrieved persons by making the Commissioners the appellate authority.

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102. **The Punjab Pre-emption (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 1st July, 1959 ; passed on 16th December, 1959).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act so as to remove the distinction between displaced persons holding land on quasi-permanent basis and the local land owners. It also sought to facilitae private transfers of property to landless persons who were harassed by pre-emption suits after they had settled on the lands and reclaimed them.

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103. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 14th December, 1959 ; passed on 16th December, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for the enhancement of the rate of halting allowance and grant of incidental allowance and halting allowance during a break of less than four days between two successive meetings to M.L.Cs.

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104. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 21st December, 1959 ; passed on 21st December, 1959).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the money required to meet the expenditure on account of Excesses over Grants and Appropriations for the year 1956-57 (from 1st November, 1956 to 31st March, 1957).

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105. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 21st December, 1959; passed on 21st December, 1959).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the moneys required to meet the expenditure on account of Excesses over Grants and Appropriation for the year ended on 31st March, 1958.

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106. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 6) Bill , 1959.** (Introduced on 22nd December, 1959 ; passed on 22nd December, 1959).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of the sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the Financial year 1959-60.

107. **The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 14th December, 1959 ; passed on 22nd December, 1959).

This bill amended the principal Act by removing certain difficulties experienced during its administration.

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108. **The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 10th September, 1959 ; passed on 23rd December, 1959).

This Bill sought to repeal the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1953 and the Pepsu Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1954 and provided for the vesting of rights in shamilat lands etc., in the Panchayats and non-proprietors in villages.

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109. **The Punjab New Mandi Township (Development and Regulation) Bill, 1959.**—(Introduced on 10th September, 1958 ; deemed to have been passed on 23rd December, 1959, under Rule 171-A(1).

This Bill made a provision for the exercise of powers for the proper planning, development and regulation of new market towns in the State.

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110. **The Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 14th December, 1959; passed on 24th February, 1960).

This Bill provided for the temporary release of prisoners on parole for good conduct on certain conditions to visit their homes for certain purposes. It also repealed, in the interest of uniformity, the Pepsu Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1954.

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111. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 1st March, 1960 ; passed on 1st March, 1960)..

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the moneys required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure for the financial year 1959-60.

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112. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 23rd March, 1960 ; passed on 23rd March, 1960).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the moneys required to meet the grants made by the Vidhan Sabha and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year 1960-61.

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113. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 7) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 25th March, 1960 ; passed on 19th April, 1960).

This Bill provided for the extension of certain laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu and the repeal of some Pepsu Acts.

114. **The Punjab Repealing Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 25th March, 1960; passed on 19th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to repeal certain laws which were no longer necessary in the reorganised State of Punjab.

115. **The Punjab Non-Trading Companies Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 24th February, 1960; passed on 19th April, 1960).

This Bill provided for the incorporation, regulation and winding up of Non-Trading Companies and certain other associations with objects confined to the State of Punjab.

116. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 19th April, 1960; passed on 20th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab so as to enhance the rate of court fee leviable on civil writs from Rs 2.65 to Rs 50.

117. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation (Second Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 16th February, 1960; passed on 22nd April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act so as to provide for the validation of certain orders and schemes.

118. **The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 24th February, 1960; passed on 25th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab so as to convert the rates of stamp duty into decimal coinage.

119. **The Indian Treasure-Trove (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 19th April, 1960; passed on 25th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab for the purpose of extending it to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu and to repeal the Patiala Treasure-Trove Act, 1991 B.K.

120. **The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 30th March, 1960; passed on 26th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act so as to remove certain lacuna that came to light as a result of decision of the Punjab High Court and the Supreme Court of India.

121. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 26th April, 1960; passed on 26th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act so as to change the rate of sales tax on motor spirits from 30 nP. for each imperial gallon to 7 nP. for each litre.

122. **The Punjab General Sales-Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 26th April, 1960; passed on 26th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act so as to validate the levy and collection of tax on the purchase of unginned cotton for a limited period.

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123. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Introduced on 18th December, 1959; passed on 27th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act for the purpose of extending it to the erstwhile State of Pepsu and making provision therein for the grant of further powers to the Panchayats. It also provided for the repeal of the corresponding Act of Pepsu.

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124. **The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 25th March, 1960; passed on 27th April, 1960).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab so as to provide for the appointment of an Advisory Board for every Division of a Canal to advise in the matter of disputes about cuts.

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125. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 8) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 25th March, 1960; passed on 24th October, 1960).

This Bill sought to provide for the extension of certain regional laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

126. **The Punjab Compulsory Service Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 22nd April, 1960; passed on 14th November, 1960).

With a view to combat the menace of waterlogging this Bill required all persons in the water-logged areas to render compulsory service for public purposes by undertaking drainage and other anti-waterlogging works.

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127. **The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on 25th April, 1960; passed on 8th November, 1960).

This Bill sought to abolish the District Boards and replace them by the Panchayat Samitis at tahsil or block level and Zila Parishads at District level.

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128. **The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 24th October, 1960).

This Bill further sought to amend the principal Act, by extending the definition of culturable commanded area to cover also such lands as were irrigated by lifts or State Tube-wells.

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129. **The Punjab Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 25th October, 1960).

This Bill sought to empower the State Government to overcome the difficulties being experienced in the way of implementing the Slum Clearance Scheme and executing the work of improvement in slum areas.

130. **The Punjab Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 21st November, 1960).

This Bill replaced the Punjab Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1960, promulgated by the Governor. It provided for deterrent punishment for those who assisted persons against whom warrants of arrest had been issued with the intention of preventing their apprehension, or who omitted to attend in obedience to proclamations under Section 87 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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131. **The Punjab Moneylending and Debtors' Protection Laws (Extension and Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 24th October, 1960).

This Bill sought to achieve uniformity in the reorganised State of Punjab in the matter of moneylending and debtors' protection laws.

132. **The Patiala Recovery of State Dues (Repealing) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 24th October, 1960).

This Bill sought to repeal the Patiala Recovery of State Dues Act, 2002 B. K.

133. **The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill) 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 10th November, 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act by extending the scope of the definition of ' eligible person ' so as to cover persons of States which had merged to form Pepsu on the 20th August, 1948.

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134. **The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Amendment Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 22nd November, 1960; passed on the 22nd November, 1960).

This Bill repealed the Punjab Special Powers (Press) Amendment Ordinance, 1960, and amended the Punjab Special Powers (Press) Act, 1956.

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135. **The East Punjab Volunteer Corps (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 17th October, 1960; passed on the 15th November, 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act by altering the existing name ' Punjab Volunteer Corps' to ' Punjab Home Guards'.

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136. **The Nangal Township (Periphery) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960, passed on the 15th November, 1960.

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to avoid sprawling and haphazard growth or development at Bhakra.

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137. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 9) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 10th November, 1960).

This Bill provided for extension of certain laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

138. **The Punjab Primary Education Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 23rd November, 1960).

This Bill sought to repeal the existing law on the subject and provided for free and compulsory primary education for children in the State.

139. **The Punjab Resumption of Jagirs (Second Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 21st November 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act by extending the definition of certain terms.

140. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 23rd November 1960).

This Bill provided for the levy and collection of additional surcharge on land revenue for a period of one year.

141. **The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 21st November, 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab and enhanced the existing rates of the stamp duty.

142. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 15th November, 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to save the holders of the offices of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the two Regional Committees from incurring any disqualification under Article 191(1) of the Constitution of India.

143. **The Electricity Supply (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 7th November 1960; passed on the 15th November 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab and deleted item (v) from the Explanation to section 27-A thereof.

144. **The Evacuee Interest (Separation) Second Supplementary Bill, 1960.** (Intrduced on the 15th November, 1960; passed on the 15th November 1960).

This Bill replaced the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Second Supplemenatry Ordinance 1960 which made the amendments made by the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Amendment Act, 1960 applicable in the State of Punjab.

145. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 10th November, 1960; passed on the 10th November, 1960).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplemenatry Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the financial year 1960-61.

146. **The Punjab Fruit Nurseries Bill, 1960.** (Inroduced on the 17th October, 1960 passed on the 22nd February, 1961).

This Bill sought to ensure the supply of disease free high yielding and high quality fruit trees of known parentage and thus help in the elimination of undesirable practices on the part of dishonest nurserymen.

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147. **The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 30th March, 1961).

This Bill repealed the Act of 1954 and sought to consolidate and amend the law relating to Co-operative Societies in order to remove all bottlenecks in the way of development of co-operative movement in the State.

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148. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960; passed on the 23rd February, 1961).

This Bill sought to effect minor corrections in the descriptions of certain Gurdwaras and revenue estates etc. included in Schedule I of the parent Act by adding another Schedule 'A'.

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149. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 10) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960 ; passed on the 23rd February 1961.

This Bill provided for the extension of certain laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

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150. **The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 24th October, 1960 ; passed on the 23rd February, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act in order to remove certain practical difficulties experienced in the course of its working.

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151. **The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Bill, 1960.** (Introduced on the 26th April, 1960 ; passed on the 23rd February, 1961).

In the light of the experience gained of the different aspects of the problem of better marketing of agricultural produce and the recommendations of the various Commissions and Committees appointed to examine the question this Bill sought to achieve the unification of laws relating to the regulated, purchase and sale of agricultural produce in force in the territories of the former Punjab and Pepsu States by consolidating and amending the law on the subject and repealing the existing Acts of both the erstwhile States.

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152. **The Punjab Abolition of Ala Malikiyat and Talukdari Rights (Amendment) Bill , 1961.** (Introduced on the 6th March, 1961 ; passed on the 29th March, 1961).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act by relaxing some restrictions imposed on the displaced persons and adnamaliks in becoming full-fledged proprietors of land. It also removed the disparity between adnamaliks of evacuee area and non-evacuee area.

153. **The Pepsu Abolition of Ala Malikiyat Rights (Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 6th March, 1961 ; passed on the 29th March, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act relaxing some restrictions imposed on the displaced persons and adna maliks in becoming full-fledged proprietors of land and removed the disparity between adnamaliks of evacuee area and non-evacuee area.

154. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 6th March, 1961 ; passed on the 6th March, 1961).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab of the sums required to meet the supplementary grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure for the financial year 1960-61.

155. **The Punjab Abolition of Village Cess (Malba) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 8th March, 1961 ; passed on the 28th March, 1961).

This Bill sought to abolish the imposition and recovery of the Malba Cess.

156. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 27th March, 1961 ; passed on the 27th March, 1961).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Vidhan Sabha and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the financial year 1961-62.

157. **The Punjab Local Authorities (Aided Schools) Amendment Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 28th March, 1961 ; passed on the 30th March, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act by giving retrospective effect to the action taken by Government in taking over the Local Bodies Schools.

158. **The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 28th March, 1961 ; passed on the 29th March, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act by enhancing the rate of sales tax from four naye paise in a rupee to five naye paise in rder to implement the various development schemes under the Third Five-Year Plan.

159. **The East Punjab Animal Contagious Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 22nd February, 1961 ; passed on the 20th September, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act on the basis of the suggestions made by the Food and Agriculture Organisation Expert in India, in July, 1954 and considered by the Central Rinderpest Control Committee in order to achieve a more realistic and better control of animal diseases.

160. **The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 20th September, 1961 ; passed on the 20th September, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act by empowering the State Government to appoint any person to perform the duties imposed and exercise the powers conferred upon a Licensing Officer and regularised the past position.

161. **The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment and Validation) Repealing Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 20th September, 1961 ; passed on the 20th September, 1961).

This Bill repealed the Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment and Validation) Act, 1960 as if it had never been enacted becuase it was realized that the Act would serve no useful purpose as the Government could either collect the purchase Tax on unginned cotton for ginning or the tax on sales of cotton.

162. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 25th September, 1961 ; passed on the 25th September, 1961).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of the sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure for the financial year 1961-62.

163. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 25th September, 1961 ; passed on the 25th September, 1961).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the moneys required to meet the expenditure on account of Excesses over Grants and appropriations for the financial year 1958-59.

164. **The Punjab Repealing Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 26th September, 1961 ; passed on the 27th September, 1961).

With a view to achieving uniformity in the reorganised State this Bill sought to repeal certain laws in force in the erstwhile States of Punjab and Pepsu.

165. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 11) Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 27th September, 1961 ; passed on the 27th September, 1961).

This Bill provided for the extension of certain laws to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

166. **The Punjab Agricultural University Bill, 1961.** (Introduced on the 20th September, 1961 ; passed on the 27th September, 1961).

This Bill sought to establish and incorporate an Agricultural University at Ludhiana for the development of agriculture.

# APPENDIX II

## SYNOPSIS OF BILLS WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE COUNCIL AND WERE PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

1. **The Punjab State Legislature (Vacation of Seats) Bill, 1957.** (Received from the Council on the 17th June, 1957 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 23rd October, 1957).

This Bill provided for the vacation by a person who is chosen a member of both the Houses of the Punjab State Legislature of his seat in one House or the other.

2. **The Punjab Departmental Enquiries (Powers) (Amendment) Bill 1958.** (Received from the Council on the 1st April, 1958 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 8th April, 1958).

This Bill empowered the Enquiring Officers to conduct enquiries against the police personnel as well.

3. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 6th April, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 8th April, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for the adjustment of boundaries of certain estates at the time of consolidation.

4. **The Cattle Trespass (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 9th March, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 8th April, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab by providing for a procedure for speedy disposal of certain categories of unclaimed cattle.

5. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 6th April, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 29th June, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act by providing for an omission of population limit prescribed for the constitution of a Notified Area Committee.

6. **The Evacuee Interest (Separation) (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 6th July, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 14th December, 1959).

This Bill sought to regularise the decision of the Government of India taken in 1952 that cases of co-sharers in joint-khatas and occupancy tenures in agricultural lands where the land had been allotted to displaced persons should not be referred to the competent officers by the Custodian under the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Act, 1951.

7. **The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 21st December, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 22nd December, 1959).

This Bill regularised certain acts performed by the Sub-Registrar, Ambala City as Sub-Registrar, Ambala Cantonment and some other Registering authorities acting as Registrars.

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8. **The Public Gambling (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 22nd December, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 23rd December, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act in its application to the State of Punjab so as to enhance the punishment for the offence and provided still heavier punishments for the second, third and subsequent convictions with a view to putting an effective curb on the 'Dara' form of gambling.

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9. **The Punjab Resumption of Jagirs (Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 22nd December, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 23rd December, 1959).

This Bill amended the principal Act and empowered the Deputy Commissioners and Commissioners to pass orders for payment where the amount of compensation is Rs 1,000 and Rs 5,000 respectively.

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10. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Third Amendment) Bill, 1959.** (Received from the Council on the 22nd December, 1959 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 23rd December, 1959).

With a view to speeding up the consolidation proceedings this Bill amended the principal Act and provided for a penalty for cutting trees and erection of buildings or other structures during the pendency of consolidation proceedings without the permission of a Consolidation Officer.

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11. **The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Amendment Bill, 1960.** (Received from the Council on the 24th October, 1960 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 15th November, 1960).

This Bill increased the fee for use of a loudspeaker from Rs 1.25 nP. to Rs 5 per day or a part thereof.

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12. **The Punjab Warehouses (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Received from the Council on the 25th October, 1960 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 15th November, 1960).

This Bill amended the principal Act and imposed a prohibition as the Central or State Warehousing Corporations set up under the Agricultural Produce (Development and Warehousing) Corporation Act, 1956, to deal in, or lend money on, goods received for deposit in the Warehouses.

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13. **The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1960.** (Received from the Council on the 27th October, 1960 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 22nd November, 1960).

This Bill replaced the Punjab University (Amendment) Ordinance, 1960 and removed certain discrepancies from the principal Act which had come into existence consequent upon the shifting of the seat of the University to Chandigarh and the extinction of the princely States and the integration of Pepsu and the Punjab.

14. **The Punjab Official Languages Bill, 1960.** (Received from the Council on the 9th November, 1960 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 16th November, 1960).

This Bill replaced the Punjab Official Languages Ordinance, 1960, which declared Hindi and Punjabi as Official Languages in the two Regions at district level and below with effect from 2nd October, 1960.

15. **The Societies Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Received from the Council on the 8th March, 1961 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 28th March, 1961).

This Bill sought to enhance the rate of fee chargeable for certified copies of documents or extracts from two annas to twenty-five naye paise for every hundred words.

16. **The Punjab Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Received from the Council on the 8th March, 1961 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 28th March, 1961).

This Bill repealed the Punjab Laws (Amendment) Act, 1878, including the penalty for the contravention of rules under the Punjab Laws Act, 1872.

17 **The Indian Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1961.** (Received from the Council on the 29th March, 1961 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th March, 1961).

This Bill amended the principal Act and gave relief to the public in the matter of fees charged by the deed-writers and the delay caused in the return of documents registerable under the Act.

18. **The Indian Easements (Punjab Extension) Bill, 1961.** (Received from the Council on the 20th September, 1961 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 26th September, 1961).

With a view to achieving uniformity this Bill extended the Indian Easements Act, 1882, to the whole of the New State of Punjab and repealed the

Patiala Easements Act, 2002 B.K.

19. **The Punjabi University Bill, 1961.** (Received from the Council on the 22nd September, 1961 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 28th September, 1961).

This Bill sought to establish and incorporate a Punjabi University in the State in order to promote the development and growth of the Punjabi language.

20. **The Talwara Township (Periphery) Control Bill, 1961.** (Received from the Council on the 25th September, 1961 ; passed by the Vidhan Sabha on the 26th September, 1961).

This Bill sought to check the haphazard growth of the unauthorised structures on the periphery of the proposed Talwara Township and the Beas Dam.

## APPENDIX III

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Appointment of a Committee for suggesting changes in the present procedure for dealing with cases in Government offices. | This Assembly being of the opinion that the present procedure for the disposal of cases in Government offices in the State entails unnecessary delay and results in considerable loss to the Government and inconvenience to the Public, recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee consisting of (1) Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar, M.L.A. ; (2) Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa, M.L.A and (3) Shri Balwant Rai Ahluwalia, M.L.C., to suggest changes in the said procedure with instructions to submit its report within a period of two weeks from the date of its constitution. | 9th May, 1957 | Withdrawn |
| 2 | Distribution of Government culturable waste land amongst Harijans, Landless Peasants and Agricultural Labourers Gratis. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute gratis all Government owned culturable waste land in the State among Harijans, landless Peasants and Agricultural Labourers and to help them by advancing loans and other facilities for cultivating it. | 16th May, 1957 | Lost |
| 3 | Gurgaon Canal Project .. | This Assembly considering the extreme backwardness of the inhabitants of Gurgaon District, recommends to the Government that the Gurgaon Canal Project be given top priority in its execution to ameliorate their condition. | 23rd May, 1957 | Carried |
| 4 | Appointment of a Committee to examine the question of Rehabilitating Meos and Refugees, etc. | With a view to examine the shortcomings in the present procedure for rehabilitation and to rehabilitate the Meos, the uprooted local persons and refugees, as well as to consider the question of expending the past and present income of the Muslim Wakf properties on constructive work this Assembly recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee consisting of Giani Kartar Singh, Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar, Sardar Waryam Singh, Chaudhri Balbir Singh, Sardar Bhupinder Singh Mann, Chaudhri Sri Chand, Dr. Parma Nand, Sardar Sarup Singh and Shrimati Sneh Lata, with a direction to report its findings within a month | 23rd May, 1957 | Withdrawn |

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| 5 | Imposition of Cattle Cess in the State. | With a view to placing money at the disposal of Government for utilisation on the welfare and improvement of the breed of cattle and to checking unauthorised grazing in the State this Assembly recommends to the Government to take necessary steps for the imposition of cess on the cattle at the monthly rates of twenty five naya Paisa per goat, fifty naya Paisa per cow and rupee one per buffalo in the reserved areas of the hilly tracts and at half these rates in other areas in the State. | 24th October, 1957 | Withdrawn |
| 6 | Abolition of Levy of Land Revenue as 'Chah Nals'. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to abolish the 'Chah Nals' levied on lands which start receiving irrigation facilities from wells sunk by the cultivators at their own expense. | 24th October, 1957 | Resolution still under discussion when the House was adjourned and prorogued later on. |
| 7 | Inclusion of 'Rai Sikhs' in the Schedule of Backward Classes. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to declare the 'Rai Sikhs' as a Backward Community in the State. | 13th February, 1958 | Withdrawn |
| 8 | Agricultural Produce Marketing Areas in the State. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to declare all agricultural produce marketing areas in the State as being outside the octroi limits of all towns so as to exempt all agricultural produce from the levy of octroi duty in all towns of the State. | 20th February, 1958 | Withdrawn |
| 9 | Setting up small workshops and factories in rural areas. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that keeping in view the welfare of the unemployed poor people, it should set up small workshops and factories at Government expense in rural areas of the State to provide work for them. | 28th February, 1958 | Withdrawn |
| 10 | Purchase of Urban Immovable Property occupied by tenants for Five-years or More. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps so that tenants who have been occupying houses in urban areas for periods of five years or more are given the right to purchase those houses and pay the price thereof in easy instalments. | 28th February, 1958 | Withdrawn |
| 11 | Amendment to Hindu Succession Act. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to move the Union Government to amend the Hindu Succession Act so as to provide a share for a married daughter in the property of her father-in-law, instead of her father. | 20th March, 1958 .. | Resolution still under discussion when the House was adjourned and prorogued later on. |

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 12 | Compensation for lands acquired by Government. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take whatever steps may be found necessary so that :—<br>(i) the payment of compensation for all lands acquired by Government for public purposes in the past is paid at the latest by the 31st March, 1959 ;<br>(ii) it is ensured that compensation for lands acquired is paid in future within six months of the date of acquisition and that land revenue does not continue to be paid for such lands ; and<br>(iii) all amounts of land revenue and other dues realised after the date of acquisition of lands are refunded to the owners concerned. | 11th September, 1958 | Lost |
| 13 | Provincialisation of privately-managed schools in district Kangra. | In view of the educational backwardness in district Kangra, this Assembly recommends to the Government that the privately managed schools of Kangra District be provincialised forthwith and the condition of payment of financial loss for three years be waived in their case. | 11th and 18th September, 1958 | Lost |
| 14 | Setting up of Anti Corruption Board. | This Sabha recommends to the Government to set up an Anti-corruption Board consisting of Members belonging to various parties/groups in the Punjab Legislative Assembly to take effective Anti-corruption measures in the State and to supervise the work of the Anti-corruption Department. | 18th September, 1958 | Resolution still under discussion when the House was adjourned and prorogued later on. |
| 15 | Food situation in the State. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take the following steps in order to supply cheap foodgrains to the masses till the next Rabi harvest :—<br>(i) the Central Government be approached to rush foodgrains to this State and to pass necessary emergency legislation for penalising the hoarders of foodgrains ; | 19th February, 1959 | Lost |

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| | | (ii) the foodgrains stocks in the possession of hoarders be seized in the State ;<br>(iii) cheap foodgrains depots be opened both in the urban and rural areas in the State and wheat be supplied at Rs 15 per maund at these depots ;<br>(iv) agricultural workers, artisans and other poor people residing in the rural areas of the State be granted free foodgrain loans till the next harvest ; and<br>(v) the State Food Advisory Committee be so expanded as to include representatives of all parties and mass organisations and such Advisory Committees be set up at district and lower levels also. | | |
| 16 | Purchase of Urban Property by Tenants in the State. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take suitable steps to enable those tenants of urban property who have been in possession thereof for four years or longer to purchase the same on payments of compensation equal to five times of annual rents thereof paid in ten annual instalments. | 5th March, 1959 .. | Withdrawn |
| 17 | Ownerships of trees Growing on land of persons in tehsil Dehra, district Kangra. | This Sabha recommends to the Government to take steps so that the ownership of the trees growing on the lands of persons of tehsil Dehra, district Kangra should vest in them for all purposes. | 5th and 12th March, 1959 | Lost |
| 18 | Appointment of a Committee to investigate the cause of water-logging. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee consisting of Members of this House and some experts to investigate the causes and the extent of water-logging in the State and recommend emergent measure to relcaim the water-logged areas and prevent water-logging in future. | 12th March, 1959 and 19th March, 1959 | Lost |
| 19 | Setting up of Anti-Corruption Board in the State. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to set up an Anti-corruption Board consisting of Members belonging to all groups in it to take effective measures to combat corruption in the State and to supervise the work of the Anti-Corruption Department. | 19th March, 1959 | Resolution still under discussion when the House was adjourned and prorogued later on. |

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 20 | Amalgamation of Panchayat Department with Development Department. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that the Panchayat Department be not amalgamated with the Development Department of the State as in its opinion such merger would hamper the progress and growth of the Panchayat system in the State. | 2nd July, 1959 | Lost |
| 21 | Setting up of Educational Financial Corporation. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to set up an Educational Financial Corporation in the State for the purposes of advancing loans to the intelligent but poor students who secure 1st Division in Matric and have not the means to prosecute their further studies, to enable them to receive education such loans being recoverable when the loanees after completing their education got employed. | 2nd July, 1959 | Resolution still under discussion when the time for the non-official business was over. Subsequently the the House was prorogued. |
| 22 | Appointment of High-Powered Committee to examine formation and working of Co-operative Societies. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps to appoint a High-Powered Committee to examine the formation and working of various co-operative societies in the State with a direction to report by the 30th March, 1960. | 17th December, 1959 | Resolution still under discussion when the House was adjourned and prorogued later on. |
| 23 | Committee to inquire into the working of the Minimum Wages Act for Agricultural Labour. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee including representatives of all sections of the House and Agricultural workers to enquire into the working of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, and to suggest suitable amendments thereto with a view to making it applicable to Agricultural Labourers in the State. | 18th February, 1960 and 3rd March, 1960 | Lost |
| 24 | Distribution of Nazoo land and land in excess of 30 acres with the land lords. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps so that the Nazool land and land in excess of 30 acres with the landlords in the State at present is given to those belonging to Scheduled Castes/Backward Classes and to landless cultivators or intending cultivators only. | 3rd March, 10th March, and 17th March, 1960 | Lost |

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| 25 | Abolition of 'Chah Nals' in the State. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps to abolish the 'Chah Nals' a tax realized from the owners of wells sunk by them at their own cost for irrigation purposes in the State. | 17th March, 1960 | Carried |
| 26 | Amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to approach the Union Government with the request that the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 may be amended in such a way that the daughter instead of becoming a shareholder in the property of her father, be made a share-holder in the property of her father-in-law after her marriage to save the social and economic structure of the State. | 17th March, 24th March, 31st March, and 21st April, 1960 | Carried (on 27th April, 1960, this resolution was rescinded by the House on a substantive motion. |
| 27 | Legislation regarding Hindu Dharam Asthans. | This House recommends to the Government to take steps to bring about legislation for the proper safeguard and utilization of the assets and income of the Hindu Dharam Asthans in the State without introducing the element of election therein | 16th February, 1961 | Withdrawn |
| 28 | Charging for Canal water on volumetric basis. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that steps may be taken to make arrangements for fixing meters at appropriate places in the water courses trenching out from the canals in the State to the fields of the cultivators so as to assess the exact quantity of canal water supplied to each during the year and charging him for the actual consumption of water at fixed rates per unit instead of the arrangements that exist at present of charging the consumers of water haphazardly on the report of the canal patwaris. | 16th February and 23rd February, 1961 | Withdrawn |
| 29 | Anti-Dowry Legislation .. | This House recommends to the Government to take steps to bring about anti-dowry legislation in the State on the same lines as the proposed Central legislation on this subject with such modifications as the local conditions in the State may necessitate. | 23rd February, 9th March and 16th March, 1961 | Resolution still under discussion when the House was adjourned and prorogued later on. |
| 30 | *Use of religious and Charitable institutions for political purposes. | This Sabha recommends to the Government to take suitable measure to ensure that no religious or charitable institution in the State is used by any individual or organisation for political purposes. | 21st September, 1961 | Carried |

*This resolution and the motion of Sardar Dhanna Singh Gulshan under Rule 84 (*see* page 10 were discussed together and the time for discussion of both the motions was extended by two hours.

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 1962 to 1967. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this Volume as this information is available in the Resumes of the different Sessions held from time to time which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Vidhan Sabha as it does within the compass of a single volume would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH : The 4th March, 1967.

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary.

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# THE ASSEMBLY : ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The Third Punjab Vidhan Sabha which met for the first time on the 13th March, 1962, consisted of 154 members elected by 88 single-member and 33 double-member constituencies. During its term six bye-elections were held to fill seats rendered vacant by the elections of Sarvshri Bansi Ram, Harnam Singh Chamak, Kartar Singh, Ram Singh and Gurbakhshish Singh having been held void and by reason of Shri Hazara Singh Gill having become subject to a disqualification under clause (b) of section 7 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Two more seats were also rendered vacant by the deaths of Sarvshri Partap Singh Kairon and Didar Singh Cheeda but these remained unfilled.

The Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspension on the 5th of July, 1966, on the issue of a Proclamation by the President of India. The Proclamation was, however, revoked on the 1st November, 1966, when under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the State was reorganised and the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and the Haryana Vidhan Sabha came into existence.

After re-organisation of the State on 1st November, 1966, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha consisted of 87 members.

Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Speaker during 1957—1962 remained the Speaker upto the 12th March, 1962 under the operation of the second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution. The Governor appointed Shri Prabodh Chandra, a member of the Vidhan Sabha, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker under Article 180(1) of the Constitution *vide* his order dated 12th March, 1962. He was elected as Speaker by the Vidhan Sabha on the 14th March, 1962. On the 19th March 1962, Shrimati Shanno Devi, another Member of the Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Deputy Speaker.

Shri Prabodh Chandra continued as Speaker till the 18th March, 1964, when he resigned. In the vacancy thus caused Shri Harbans Lal, another Member of the Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Speaker on the 25th March, 1964 and he continued as such even after reorganisation of the State on 1st November, 1966.

During the period from the 19th March, 1964 to the 24th March, 1964, when the office of the Speaker remained vacant Shrimati Shanno Devi, Deputy Speaker, performed the duties of the office of Speaker and she continued as Deputy Speaker of the Third Vidhan Sabha till the 31st October, 1966. On the re-organisation of the State, she became the Deputy Speaker of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha under section 18(3) of the Punjab Re-organisation Act, 1966 and the office of the Deputy Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha remained vacant till the dissolution of the Sabha.

Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, who was the Leader of the Second Vidhan Sabha when it was dissolved, continued as the Leader of the Third Vidhan Sabha also till the 20th June, 1964. He relinquished office on 21st June, 1964, fore-noon. Shri Ram Kishan was appointed as the Chief Minister on 6th July, 1964 and continued as such till the 5th July, 1966, (after-noon) when he relinquished charge of his office on the State having been placed under the President's Rule. On the reorganisation of the State on 1st November, 1966 Shri Gurmukh Singh Musafir, a member of Parliament, who was later elected to the Punjab Legislative Council, was appointed as Chief Minister of Punjab and continued as such till the new Ministry was formed after the General Elections, 1967.

Shri Brish Bhan (Health and Local Government Minister) became the Leader of the Third Vidhan Sabha after reorganisation and continued as such till it was dissolved.

All Members before taking their seat in the Vidhan Sabha took the oath of their office. They belonged to the following parties/groups :—

(1) Congress.
(2) Akali.
(3) Jan Sangh.
(4) Communists.
(5) Socialists.
(6) Swtantra.
(7) Independents.

The Congress Party formed the Government. The Progressive Independent Party emerged as the Opposition Party on the 15th March, 1962 with one of its members as the Leader. The Party ceased to be the Opposition Party with effect from the 9th November, 1962. After that there was no recognised Opposition Party till the 22nd March, 1963, when the Akali Party was recognised as such with one of its Members as the Leader. The Akali Party also ceased to be the Opposition Party with effect from the 17th April, 1964 and after that there was no recognised Opposition Party in the Vidhan Sabha.

The strength of various parties/groups in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha as on the 30th March, 1966, as intimated to the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat was as follows :—

| Serial No. | Name of Party | | Membership |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Congress | .. | 112 (including the Speaker and Deputy Speaker |
| 2 | Akali Party | .. | 12 |
| 3 | Shiromani Akali Dal | .. | 2 |
| 4 | Jan Sangh | .. | 7 |
| 5 | Communists (Rightist) | .. | 5 |
| 6 | Communists (Leftist) | .. | 2 |
| 7 | Progressive Independent Party | .. | 9 |
| 8 | Samyukta Socialist Party | .. | 1 |
| 9 | Republican | .. | 1 |
| 10 | Un-attached | .. | 1 |
| | *Vacant* | .. | 2 |
| | Total | .. | 154 |

After the re-organisation of the State on 1st November, 1966, the strength of various parties/groups in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha stood as under :—

| Serial No. | Name of Party | | Membership |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Congress | .. | 57 (including the Speaker) |
| 2 | Akali Party | .. | 12 |
| 3 | Shiromani Akali Dal | .. | 2 |
| 4 | Communist (Rightist) | .. | 5 |
| 5 | Communist (Leftist) | .. | 2 |
| 6 | Jan Sangh | .. | 4 |
| 7 | Progressive Independent Party | .. | 2 |
| 8 | Republican | .. | 1 |
| | *Vacant* | .. | 2 |
| | Total | .. | 87 |

From the 13th of March, 1962 when it met for the first time the Vidhan Sabha held in all 253 sittings spread over 10 sessions as follows. Those sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed members of both the Houses assembled together :—

| Year | | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 | .. | 39 | 5 | 44 |
| 196 | .. | 38 | 16 | 54 |
| 1964 | .. | 39 | 17 | 56 |
| 1965 | .. | 41 | 26 | 67 |
| 1966 | .. | 29 | 3 (after re-organisation on 1-1-66) | 32 |
| | | | | 253 |

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Assembly Chamber Vidhan Bhavan, Chandigarh.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESSES

There were five Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Vidhan Sabna and Members of the Vidhan Parishad assembled together beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 1962. Each of these Addresses was discussed on motions of thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below :—

| *Year* | | *Period* | *Amendments* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 | .. | 4 days | 16 |
| 1963 | .. | Ditto | 21 |
| 1964 | .. | Ditto | 22 |
| 1965 | .. | Ditto | 15 |
| 1966 | .. | Ditto | 11 |

The amendments were moved both by Members of the Congress Party and the Opposition Party/Groups, and these were either withdrawn or lost. Each motion of thanks was carried.

# LEGISLATION

## I. Official

The Third Vidhan Sabha passed 139 Bills, 109 originating in the Vidhan Sabha itself and 30 in the Punjab Vidhan Parishad, the year-wise break-up being as follows

| *Year* | | *Number of Bills* |
|---|---|---|
| 1962 | .. | 29 |
| 1963 | .. | 44 |
| 1964 | .. | 28 |
| 1965 | .. | 30 |
| 1966 | .. | 8 |

The number of new Bills was 20, of amending Bills 100 and of Appropriation Bills 19.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list ov the Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in Appendix I. The Bills received from the Vidhan Parishad are mentioned in Appendix II. For synopsis of these Bills, reference may be made to the Resumes of the different sessions.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriations of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of Supplementaries or b- way of regularization of excesses over grants, the respective figures being 12, 88, 33, 39, 670; 1, 91, 22, 03, 160 and 7, 41, 40, 191.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills barring Appropriation Bills, was approximately 555 (287 from the Opposition, 244 from the Congress Party and 24 from an unattached member).

The following eight official Bills which were pending with the Regional Committees/Sub-Committees of the Regional *Committees/Vidhan Sabha lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 28th February, 1967:—

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill |
|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Municipal Corporations Bill, 1963 |
| 2 | The Punjab Municipal Bill, 1963 |
| 3 | The Punjab Cattle Preservation Bill, 1964 (as amended by the Vidhan Parishad) |
| 4 | The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Second Amendment) Bill, 1965 |
| 5 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1965 |
| 6 | The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1966 |
| 7 | The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Amendment) Bill, 1966 |
| 8 | The Punjab Unqualified Medical Practitioners Enrolment Bill, 1964 (as reported by the Joint Select Committee) |

*The Regional Committees ceased to function on the reorganisation of the State on 1st November, 1966.

## II—Non-Official

Three Non-official Bills, namely—

(1) The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment Bill, 1963,

(2) The Punjab Labour Welfare Fund Bill, 1963, and

(3) The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1965,

were introduce din the Vidhan Sabha on the 21st February, 1963, 19th September, 1963 and 10th October, 1965, respectively, but could not be discussed. The last Bill remained pending with a Select Committee. These Bills also lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha

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## QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions :—

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) (a) Total number of notices of Starred Questions received .. | 13,647 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted .. | 10,653 |
| (c) Total number of Starred Questions answered orally .. | 2,780 |
| (d) Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 | 4,813 |
| (e) Total number of Starred Questions converted into Unstarred Questions | 1,377 |
| (ii) (a) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received .. | 4,837 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted | 3,748 |
| (c) Total number of Unstarred Questions answered .. | 3,475 |
| (iii) (a) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received | 314 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions admitted | 140 |
| (c) Total number of Short Notice Questions answered .. | 61 |

The year-wise distribution of Questions may be seen in the following Table :—

| Year | | Number of Starred Questions given notice of. | Number of Starred Questions admitted | Number of Starred Questions answered | Number of Supplementary Questions | Number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered | Number of Starred Questions converted into Unstarred Questions | Number of Un-starred Questions given notice of. | Number of Unstarred Questions admitted | Number of Unstarred Questions answered | Number of Short Notice Questions given notice of. | Number of Short Notice questions admitted | Number of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 | .. | 2,462 | 1,903 | 729 | 1,883 | 479 | .. | 719 | 572 | 489 | 32 | 19 | 13 |
| 1963 | .. | 3,017 | 2,520 | 762 | 3,143 | 1,629 | .. | 906 | 696 | 682 | 85 | 48 | 23 |
| 1964 | .. | 3,273 | 2,441 | 379 | 2,930 | 1,582 | 354 | 1,142 | 869 | 841 | 103 | 39 | 9 |
| 1965 | .. | 2,670 | 2,058 | 529 | 3,663 | 819 | 413 | 1,292 | 996 | 973 | 85 | 30 | 16 |
| 1966 | .. | 2,225 | 1,731 | 381 | 1,837 | 304 | 610 | 778 | 615 | 490 | 9 | 4 | .. |
| Total | .. | 13,647 | 10,653 | 2,780 | 13,456 | 4,813 | 1,377 | 4,837 | 3,748 | 3,475 | 314 | 140 | 61 |

# RESOLUTIONS

## I—Official

Nine official resolutions were discussed during the period 1962—1966, the subject matter of each and the date of its discussion are given below :—

| Subject | Date(s) on which discussed/carried |
|---|---|
| 1. Ratification by the Vidhan Sabha of amendment of the Constitution of India proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirteenth Amendment) Bill, 1962 as passed by the Two Houses of Parliament | 7th November, 1962 |
| 2. Ratification by the Vidhan Sabha of the amendments of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment) Bill, 1962, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament | Ditto |
| 3. Ratification by the Vidhan Sabha of the amendments of the Constitution of India proposed to be made by the Constitution (Fifteenth Amendment) Bill, 1963, as passed by the Houses of Parliament | 9th Sepiembr, 1963 |
| 4. Ratification by the Vidhan Sabha of the amendments of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixteenth Amendment) Bill, 1963, as passed by the Houses of Parliament | Ditto |
| 5. Adoption of the Resolution under Article 252(1) of the Constitution of India empowering the Parliament to reglulate by law the storage of commodites other than those covered by the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962, in the Warehouses run by the Corporations established under that Act. | 26th March, 1964 |
| 6. Adoption of the Resolution under Section 65(3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding fixation by the State Government of a higher maximum amount of 20 crores of rupees which the Punjab State Electricity Board may at any time have on loan under sub-section (1) of the said section | 16th April, 1964 |
| 7. Adoption of the Resolution under Article 252(1) of the Constitution of India empowering the Parliament to regulate by law the calling of sanitary inspectors and all other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. | 21st September, 1964 |
| 8. Adoption of the Resolution in respect of the opinion of the Supreme Court of India given on Special Reference No. 1 of 1964 regarding powers and jurisdiction of High Courts and their Judges in relation to State Legislatures and their officers and regarding the powers, privileges and immunities of the said Legislatures and their Members in relation to High Courts and their Judges in the discharge of their duties | 8th 9th and 20th April, 1965 (Carried on 20th April, 1965) |
| 9. Empowering the Speaker to take steps for the Punjab Vidhan Sabha becoming a Corporate Member of the Institution of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies | 30th March, 1966 |

## II—Non-Official

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received | .. | 2,740 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted | .. | 1,452 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions discussed | .. | 15 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | .. | 5 |
| Total number of Resolutions withdrawn | .. | 1 |
| Total number of Resolutions lost | .. | 4 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision taken but which lapsed | .. | 5 |

The year wise reciept of notices of Resolutions was as follows :—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1962 | 306 |
| 1963 | 569 |
| 1964 | 723 |
| 1965 | 656 |
| 1966 | 486 |

The number of resolutions discussed was three in 1962, five in 1963, two in 1964, four in 1965 and one in 1966. These resolutions were discussed on 28 days during this period as follows :—

| | *Days* |
|---|---|
| 1962 | 5 |
| 1963 | 5 |
| 1964 | 7 |
| 1965 | 7 |
| 1966 | 4 |

The subject matter of each resolution which was discussed as well information about what happened to it are given in Appendix III with appropriate remarks.

## III—Resolution under Article 179 (c) of the Constitution of India regarding the Removal of Speakers

Notices of three resolutions to remove the Speaker from his office under Article 179(c) of the Constitution of India were received on the 21st February, 1964 and leave tomove the same was granted by the House the same day.

These were withdrawn and the House informed to that effect on the 26th February, 1964.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of adjournment motions received during this period was 423 ; 34 in 1962, 54 in 1963, 211 in 1964, 80 in 1965 and 44 in 1966. The number of those which were held in order/not disallowed by the Speaker was 19 Out of these 19, six related to the flood situation in the State. The matter, as arranged between the Speaker and the Government, was discussed on the 7th and 8th November, 1962 when the Demands for Supplementary Grants (Ist Instalment) 1962-63 and the Appropriation Bill thereon came in for discussion. Regarding one relating to the handcuffing of a Member of the House and taking him out in procession from a Police Station to the Village, the Home Minister made a statement on the 8th November, 1962 with a promise to make further inquiries in the matter. In regard to six relating to the strictures passed by the Supreme Court in its judgment in the case of Dr. Partap Singh, the Home Minister made a statement on the 16th September, 1963 and the matter was further discussed alongwith the No-confidence Motion in the Ministry as a whole on the 17th and 18th September, 1963. In regard to one about the beating of one Nagar Mall and his sons by the Sirsa Police, the Home Minister promised to look into the matter. About two, in respect of the death of one Harijan of disctrict Ferozepur, due to Police torture, the Speaker asked the Home Minister to make a statement which he did on the 23rd September, 1963. One regarding the ruin of the standing crops of sugarcane, fodder and wheat due to severe cold, was discussed on the 5th March 1964 under rule 84 and later on in this connection a statement was laid on the Table of the House on the 16th March, 1964 by the Revenue Minister. One regarding the mass *dharna* and indefinite strike by the University Employees, was discussed on a motion under rule 84 on the 21st 22nd and 28th April, 1965. One pertaining to the leasing out of 1,000 acre Agricultural Farm at Rupar to the Birla Brothers, was discussed on the 18th November, 1965 under Rule 84

The rest of the Notices of the Adjournment Motions were either held out of order or not considered for one reason or another.

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## NO CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

In all 16 notices of No Confidence Motions against the Ministry : 1 in 1963 7 in 1964, 3 in 1965 and 5 in 1966 were received during the period under review ;

1962 :—Nil.

1963 :—One, given notice of on the 9th September, was considered for three days i.e. on the 16th 17th, and 18th September, 1963 and was lost when put to the vote of the House.

1964 :—Out of the six given notice of, one was ruled out and the rest being on the same subject, the first in order of receipt was taken up and leave to move granted by the House on the 13th March, 1964. It was considerd for 3 days i.e. on the 19th, 30th and 31st March, 1964 and was lost when put to the Vote of the House.

The leave to move one "No Confidence Motion" was refused on the 15th September, 1964 as only one Member rose in favour of leave being granted.

1965 :—Three notices of no-confidence motion were received. Two were withdrawn by the Members concerned and leave to move the third was refused by the House on the 28th April, 1965.

1966 :—Five notices of no-confidence motion were received. Leave to move one motion was refused by the House on the 6th December, 1966 and the remaining Motions could not be taken up due to the adjournment of the House *sine die*.

## CALLING ATTENTION UNDER RULE 73

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 673 matters relating to different subjects. The Sessionwise break up of these Call Attention Notices is given below. For details a reference may be made to the Resumes of different Sessions.

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | First (March-April-May) Session, 1962 | .. | 14 |
| 2 | Second (November) Session, 1962 | .. | 3 |
| 3 | Third (February-March-April) Session, 1963 | .. | 31 |
| 4 | Fourth (September-October) Session, 1963 | .. | 56 |
| 5 | Fifth (Feburary-March-April) Session, 1964 | .. | 140 |
| 6 | Sixth (September-October) Session, 1964 | .. | 154 |
| 7 | Seventh (February-March-April) Session, 1965 | .. | 88 |
| 8 | Eighth (October-November) Session, 1965 | .. | 151 |
| 9 | Ninth (February March) Session, 1966 | .. | 36 |
| 10 | Tenth (December) Session, 1966 | .. | .. |
| | Total | .. | 673 |

## HALF HOUR DISCUSSION

Half hour discussions under Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business on matters arising out of replies to certain Starred Questions, were held as follows :—

| Serial No. | Date | Subject |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 17th May, 1962 | Alleged failure of Police to maintain law and order at Miani, District, Hoshiarpur |
| 2 | *18th May, 1962 | Arising out of the reply given to Question No. 201 on the 8th May, 1962, regarding beneficiaries of village Jalala Viran, District Karnal |
| 3 | 4th March, 1963 | Arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 2055 on the 20th February, 1963 rgarding a complaint from truck owners in the State. |
| 4 | 5th March, 1963 | Arising out of the reply given to Starred Question no. 2112 on the 21st February, 1963 regarding surplus area and its allotment |
| 5 | 23rd September, 1964 | Arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 6016 on the 22nd September, 1964, regarding foodgrains production in the State |
| 6 | 28th September, 1964 | Arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 6275 on the 18th September, 1964 regarding Regional Campus at Rohtak |
| 7 | 8th April, 1965 | On matters arising out of the reply given to Starred Question no. 7472 on the 25th March, 1965 (Morning Sitting) regarding the purchase of evacuee land by Harijans |

*Note.*—The Chair permitted the Members concerned on 16th May, 1962 to raise discussion but on the appointed day it was postponed as desired by the Members concerned.

## DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 84

In all 15 Motions, as detailed below, were given notice of and admitted under Rule 84 during the period under review :—

| Serial No. | Discussed on | Subject matter | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 11th April, 1963 | Appointment of an Advisory Committee by the Chief Minister | Discussed |
| 2 | 26th September, 1963 | Failure of the Government in tackling the recurring menace of floods in the State | Do |
| 3 | 30th September, 1963 | Failure of the Government in tackling the problems of Scheduled and Backward Classes in the matter of their unemployment, maltreatment, victimisation, social conditions etc. | Do |
| 4 | 1st October, 1963 | Situation created by inadequate and failing supply of canal water in the Hissar and Rohtak Districts resulting in poor Rabi Crops last year and in the poor current sugar-cane and cotton crops and also in extreme scarcity of drinking water for cattle etc. | Not moved |
| 5 | 5th March, 1964 | Situation arising out of the recent unprecedented wave of cold and frost and the situation created by the rising prices of food grains and other commodities in the State | Discussed |
| 6 | 6th April, 1964 | Harijan Leaders' hunger strike at Rajghat, Delhi. | Do |
| 7 | 17th April, 1964 | The policy of the State Government for holding election to the Amritsar Municipal Committee only after the Punjab Municipal Corporation Bill has been passed and duly implemented. | Do |
| 8 | 17th April, 1964 | The procedure for the disposal of country liquor vends introduced from this year and its effects | Do |
| 9 | 30th September, 1964 | Various Scheduled Caste problems. | Discussed together |
| 10 | 30th September, 1964 | Improvement of the lot of Scheduled and Backward Classes. | |
| 11 | 1st October, 1964 | Situation created by the Landlord/Tenant controversy and other land problems. | Discussed |
| 12 | 21st April, 1965<br>22nd April, 1965<br>28th April, 1965 | The relationship between the Government on the one hand and the University on the other. | Do |
| 13 | 26th April, 1965<br>27th April, 1965 | The follow-up action on the Das Commission report in relation to officers of the Government and in relation to non-officials, other than the late Mr. Kairon who had resigned his position as Chief Minister as a result of the Das Commission Report. | Do |
| 14 | 18th November, 1965 | Matter relating to the leasing out of 1000 acre Agricultural Farm near Rupar to Birla Brothers | Do |
| 15 | 30th March, 1966 | Birla Land lease deed. | Do |

# DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL SUBJECT

Discussion on special subjects took place as shown below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Annual Report on the working of the Punjab Public Service Commission for the year, 1960-61 | 3rd May, 1962 |
| 2 | Regarding repeal of the order of the Governor relating to the additions to Schedules 'A' and 'B' referred to in regulations 3(b) and 5(f), respectively, of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions), Regulations, 1955, namely :—<br><br>SCHEDULE 'A'<br><br>(35) Junior and Senior Specialists appoint d in India including Indians recruited abroad, on contracts for a period not in excess of five years, in connection with the Beas Project<br><br>SCHEDULE 'B'<br><br>(29) Junior and Senior Specialists appointed in India including Indians recruited abroad on contracts for a period not in excess of five years in connection with the Beas Project | 3rd May, 1962 |
| 3 | Resolution under Clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution disapproving the Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Ordinance, 1962 | 9th November, 1962 |
| 4 | Resolution under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution disapproving the Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1963 | 28th February, 1963 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 5 | Annual Report of the working of the Punjab Public Service Commission from 1st April, 1961 to 31st March, 1962 | 10th April, 1963 |
| 6 | Tenth Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, 1960-61 | 10th April, 1963 |
| 7 | Annual Financial Statements (Budget Estimates) for the years, 1962-63 and 1963-64 and the Annual Financial Statement (I and II Supplementary Budget Estimates) for the year, 1961-62 o. the Punjab State Electricity Board | 12th April, 1963 |
| 8 | Annual Administration Report of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year, 1961-62 | 12th April, 1963 |
| 9 | *Resolution under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution disapproving the Punjab, Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Ordinance, 1963 | 10th September, 1963 |
| 10 | Resolution under Clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution disapproving the Punjab Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1963 (Punjab Ordinance No. 12 of 1963) | 26th March, 1964 (Second Sitting) |
| 11 | The Eleventh Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1961-62 | 15th April, 1964 |
| 12 | The Annual Report of the Working of the Punjab Public Service Commission for the year 1962-63 | 16th April, 1964 |
| 13 | The Annual Financial Statement (Budget Estimates) for the year 1964-65 of the Punjab State Electricity Board | 16th April, 1964 |
| 14 | The Annual Administration Report of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1962-63 | 16th April, 1964 |

*Note.*—* Was discussed along with the Resolution under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution disapproving the Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and A llowances (Amendment) Ordinance, 1963.

| Serial No. | Subject | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 15 | Discussion of the Report of the Committee of Privileges on the question of Privilege regarding the presence of a large number of C.I.D. personnel in the precincts of the Legislature Building | 17th April, 1964 |
| 16 | Flood Situation in the State | 23rd September, 1964 and 25th September, 1964 |
| 17 | The situation created by the rising prices | 29th September, 1964 and 30th September, 1964 |
| 18 | Disapproval of the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1964 (Resolutions under Clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution) | 31st March, 1965 |
| 19 | Disapproval of the Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Ordinance, 1964 (Resolution under clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution) | 31st March, 1965 and 2nd April, 1965 |
| 20 | Disapproval of the Punjab Official Languages (Amendment) Ordinance, 1965 (Resolution under clause 2(a) ot Article 213 ol the Constitution | 2nd April, 1965 |
| 21 | Twelth Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Part I and II) for the year 1962-63 which was laid on the table of the House on the 12th October, 1965 | 13th October, 1965 and 19th October, 1965 |
| 22 | Enquiry Report relating to an allegation of supplying worm-infested wheat, atta to Khem Karan displaced persons staying in the Mandir at Tarn Taran | 20th October, 1965 |
| 23 | The Annual Administration Report of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1963-64, laid on the Table of the House on the 24th February, 1965 | Discussed together on 22nd October, 1965 |
| 24 | The Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 1959-60 and the Audit Report thereon of the Punjab State Electricity Board laid on the Table of the House on the 24th February, 1965 ; and | |
| | The Annual Financial Statement (Budget Estimates) for the year 1965-66 and the Supplementary Budget Estimates for the year 1964-65 of the Punjab State Electricity Board laid on the Table of the House on the 5th March, 1965 | .. |
| 25 | The Annual Accounts of the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation for the year 1962-63 together with the Financial Review and Audit Report laid on the Table of the House on the 15th September, 1964 | 26th October, 1965 and 5th November, 1965 |
| 26 | The Eleventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Financial Corporation for the year ending the 31st March, 1964 laid on the Table of the House on the 15th September, 1964 ; and | Discussed together on 18th November, 1965 |
| | The First Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Export Corporation Ltd., for the year 1963-64, laid on the Table of the House on the 25th February, 1965 | |
| 27 | Annual Administration Report of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1964-65, which was laid on the Table of the House on the 2nd March, 1966 | Discussed together on 29th March, 1966 |
| 28 | Annual Financial statement (Budget Estimates) of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1966-67 which was laid on the Table of the House on the 2nd March, 1966 | |

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of 136 notices seeking to raise questions of Privilege were received : ten in 1962, forty in 1963, forty eight in 1964, twenty three in 1965 and fifteen in 1966.

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of seventy five, thirty one were disposed of by the Speaker after making some observations, five were dropped with the consent of the House, four were not pressed by the Members concerned; three were withdrawn; and seventeen were referred to the Committee of Privileges. One could not be disposed of due to the unexpected adjournment of the House in December, 1966. Out of the seventeen mentioned above five related to the newspapers and the Speaker obtained the views of the Press Gallery Committee thereon. Then Committee of Privileges thus had to answer 17 references made to it by the House/Speaker. The nature of question in each case, the date on which it was raised and the decision thereon are set out below :—

| Serial No. | Nature of question | Date | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Incident of walk-out staged by certain members of the House on the 18th May, 1962, when the Punjab Temporary Taxation Bill, 1962, was under consideration | Referred to the Committee by the Speaker on the 25th May, 1961 | The Report was laid on the Table of the House on the 5th November, and adopted on the 6th November, 1962 |
| 2 | Handcuffing of Shri Makhan Singh Tarsikka, M.L.A., on 26th October, 1962 | 20th February, 1963 .. | The Report was presented on the 29th March, 1963 and considered on the 4th April, 1963 (Motion for adoption not moved) |
| 3 | Treatment of Communist M.L.A s detained in Jails | 20th February, 1963 | Ditto |
| 4 | General question of status of Members vis a vis the Executive | Referred to the Committee by the Speaker on 27th February, 1963 | The Report was presented to the Speaker on the 9th March, 1964, and placed on the Table of the House on 13th March, 1964 |
| 5 | Publication of an article in the 'Indian Observer' New Delhi, dated 18th March, 1963 under the caption "one lakh twenty thousand to the Indian Observer , Kairon—Observer affinity echoes in Punjab Assembly" | 25th March, 1963 .. | The Report was presented on the 18th February, 1964 and adopted on the same day |
| 6 | Publication of editorial comments in the 'Daily Pradeep' Jullundur, dated the 10th April, 1963 under the Caption "Punjab Assembly-Ke-Nazar Battu" | 12th April, 1963 .. | The Report was presented h, the House on the 4th Marcn 1965 (Second Sitting) ajop adopted on the 28th Aprdi 1965 |
| 7 | Presence of a large number of C.I.D. personnel in the precincts of the Legislature Building | 11th September, 1963 | The Report was presented to the House on the 13th March, 1964 (Second Sitting) and adopted on the 17th April, 1964 |

| Serial No. | Nature of question | Date | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Alleged attempt made to frighten Ch. Tek Ram, M.L.A., into joining the Congress Party | 13th March, 1964 .. | The Report was presented to the House on the 4th March, 1965 (Second Sitting) and adopted on the 28th April, 1965 |
| 9 | Publication of wrong version of the speech of Pandit Mohan Lal, M.L.A. in the 'Daily Pratap', Jullundur, dated the 23rd September, 1964 | 23rd September, 1964 | The Report was presented to the House on 4th March, 1965 (Second Sitting) and adopted on the 28th April, 1965 |
| 10 | Alleged unlawful detention of Shri Ajit Kumar M.L.A., by the Punjab Police at Jagraon, District Ludhiana on the 28th January, 1965 | 24th February, 1965 .. | The Report was presented to and adopted by the House on the 15th October, 1965 |
| 11 | Publication of the speech of Sardar Lachhman Singh Gill, M.L.A. in the Daily 'Evening News' Ludhiana, dated the 1st April, 1965 under the caption "Lachhman Singh Gill ko-Griftar Karo" | 5th April, 1965 .. | The Report was presented on the 4th March, 1966 and adopted on the 10th March, 1966 |
| 12 | Position assigned to the members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha derogatory to their status on the occasion of the swearing-in-ceremony of the Governor designate, Sardar Ujjal Singh, on the 1st September, 1965 | Referred to the Committee by the Speaker on 2nd September, 1965 | The Report was laid on the Table of the House on the 4th March, 1966 and adopted on the 10th March, 1966 |
| 13 | Question of Privilege arising out of Government Instructions prohibting its employees to approach Legislators | 25th October, 1965 .. | The Report was presented to the House on the 4th March, 1966 and adopted on the 10th March, 1966 |
| 14 | Withdrawal of Instructions issued by the Government regarding enquiries against M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. | 25th October, 1965 .. | The Committee examined the matter on the 30th April, 1966, but could not make a Report due to the Proclamation of the President under Article 356 of the Constitution |
| 15 | Publication of a news item in the issues of the Daily 'Pratap', and some other Newspapers of Jullundur, dated the 25th February, 1966, pertaining to a note submitted by the Accountant-General, Punjab, to the Public Accounts Committee, before the Report of the Committee was submitted to the House | 4th March, 1966 .. | The Report was presented on 25th March, 1966 |
| 16 | Publication of an Article in the 'Lalkar' Dharamsala, dated the 5th January, 1966 casting aspersions on the M.L.As representing constituencies of Kangra District | Referred by the Speaker to the Privileges Committee on the 25th February, 1966 | The Committee examined the matter on the 11th March, 24th March, 30th April and 30th May, 1966, but could not make a Report due to the proclamation of the President under Article 356 of the Constitution |
| 17- | Publication in the Daily 'Pratap' and the Daily 'Milap' Jullundur dated the 24th March, 1966 of certain remarks made by Baboo Bachan Singh and Shri Prabodh Chandra, Education Minister, which were expunged from the proceedings of the House, dated 23rd March, 1966. | 25-3-66 | The Committee examined the matter on the 30th April and 30th May, 1966, but could not make a Report due to the Proclamation of the President under Article 356 of the Constitution. |

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

Five Budgets were presented and passed for various amounts as stated below :—

| Year | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| | | Rs |
| 1962 | .. | 1,60,15,20,610 |
| 1963 | .. | 1,71,23,48,210 |
| 1964 | .. | 2,25,67,67,210 |
| 1965 | .. | 3,11,22,88,400 |
| 1966 | .. | 3,82,72,77,850 |

The Vote-on-account, 1962-63 (for 3 months from 1st April to 30th June, 1962), for Rs. 37,31,37,390, was passed on the 27th March, 1962.

Four Supplementary Estimates in respect of Excess Demands, one in 1962, for Rs. 2,32,87,972, one in 1963 for Rs. 43,700, one in 1964 for Rs. 90,70,383 and one in 1965 for Rs. 4,17,38,136 were also voted on 7th November, 1962, 10th September, 1963, 16th September, 1964 and 13th October, 1965, respectively. Nine Supplementary Estimates, one for the year 1961-62, and two each for the years 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65 and 1965-66 were presented and voted for various amounts as below :—

| Year | | Amount | Date on which voted |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs | |
| 1961-62 | .. | 13,75,97,110 | 19th March, 1962 |
| 1962-63 | ... | 19,91,01,270 | 7th November, 1962 |
| | | 14,78,38,280 | 4th March, 1963 |
| 1963-64 | .. | 13,89,10,590 | 11th September, 1963 |
| | | 22,13,43,260 | 26th February, 1964 |
| 1964-65 | .. | 16,04,44,490 | 22nd September, 1964 |
| | | 54,94,74,620 | 26th February, 1965 |
| 1965-66 | .. | 25,47,84,210 | 15th October, 1965 |
| | | 10,27,09,330 | 28th February, 1966 |

General discussions were held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific demands for grants were taken up for discussion on each occasion, for details a reference may be made to the Resumes.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS FROM THE MEETINGS OF THE SABHA.

The Vidhan Sabha granted leave of absence from the meetings of the Sabha to the following members on the dates shown against each :—

| Serial No. | Name of the Member | Date on which leave of absence granted | Total period of leave |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sardar Hazara Singh Gill .. | 18th April, 1962 | Duration of the Session |
| 2 | Comrade Makhan Singh Tarsikka | 5th March, 1963 | Budget Session, 1963 and onwards |
| 3 | Comrade Hardit Singh Bhathal | 12th March, 1963 | Duration of the Session |
| 4 | Comrade Harnam Singh Chamak | Ditto | Ditto |
| 5 | Comrade Shamsher Singh Josh | 25th March, 1963 | Ditto |
| 6 | Comrade Hardit Singh Bhathal | 23rd September, 1963 | Ditto |
| 7 | Comrade Harnam Singh Chamak | Ditto | Ditto |
| 8 | Comrade Hardit Singh Bhathal | 27th February, 1965 | Ditto |
| 9 | Comrade Makhan Singh Tarsikka | 12th March, 1965 | Period of detention |
| 10 | Comrade Didar Singh | 30th March, 1965 | Duration of the Session |
| 11 | Comrade Hardit Singh Bhathal | 16th February, 1966 | Period of detention |

## STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

In all 191 statements were made by the Ministers on the floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. For the subject matter of these statements reference may be made to the resumes of different Sessions.

## SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

During the period under review notices of 17 Substantives Motions were received. Out of these 8 were withdrawn, 8 disallowed and one not pressed. For details the resumes of different Sessions may be consulted.

## FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON.

The total number of speeches made during this period was 3,844, the time taken by them was 735 hours 20 minutes in 9 Sessions with 250 Sittings. Out of these 1,265 were made by Members of the Congress Party, excluding Ministers, 678 by Ministers, 1,852 by Members of the Opposition Groups and 49 by Independent/Unattached Members, the time taken in each case being 247 hours 1 minute, 135 hours 58 minutes, 344 hours 13 minutes and 8 hours 8 minutes, respectively.

The year-wise break-up of the above figures is given below.

It may, however, be mentioned that the above figures and the figures in the statement below do not include the time taken by the Speaker on

his observations/rulings, etc., by questions, by discussions on Adjournment Motions, Questions of Privilege, Divisions, Points of Order, etc., etc:—

| Session and Year | Number of Sittings | Number of speeches by: Treasury Benches: Members (Excluding Ministers) | Treasury Benches: Ministers | Members of Opposition Groups | Independent/ Unattached | Time taken by: Treasury Benches: Members (excluding Minister) | Treasury Benches: Ministers | Members of Opposition Groups | Independent/ Unattached |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H. M. |
| 1962 .. | 44 | 172 | 159 | 342 | .. | 34.33 | 35.25 | 73.37 | .. |
| 1963 .. | 54 | 269 | 134 | 395 | 7 | 54.25 | 27.33 | 78.55 | 0.30 |
| 1964 .. | 56 | 281 | 147 | 446 | .. | 51.38 | 25.58 | 75.36 | .. |
| 1965 .. | 67 | 411 | 191 | 525 | 28 | 77.24 | 32.56 | 83.45 | 5.05 |
| 1966 .. | 32 | 132 | 47 | 144 | 14 | 29.01 | 14.06 | 32.20 | 2.33 |

## WALK OUTS

In all, there were 97 walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different Groups during this period. The table below gives the Session-wise figures :—

TABLE

| Year | First Session | Second Session | Third Session |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1962 .. | 5 | .. | .. |
| 1963 .. | 10 | 9 | .. |
| 1964 .. | 19 | 11 | .. |
| 1965 .. | 19 | 13 | .. |
| 1966 .. | 11 | .. | .. |

## DIVISIONS

The total number of 'divisions' (recorded and not recorded) during this period was 69. Separate figures relating to the 'recorded' and 'not recorded' divisions in each Session of the Sabha are given in the statement below:—

| Year | First Session | | Second Session | | Third Session | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Recorded | Not recorded | Recorded | Not recorded | Recorded | Not recorded |
| 1962 .. | 9 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1963 .. | 5 | 4 | .. | 5 | .. | .. |
| 1964 .. | 2 | 8 | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1965 .. | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. |
| 1966 .. | 1 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## UNPARLIAMENTARY EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held by the Speaker as unparliamentary/undesirable. For details reference may be made to the Resumes of various Sessions.

## COMMITTEES

In 1962, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees :—

(1) Committee on Public Accounts.
(2) Committee on Estimates.
(3) Committee on Government Assurances.
(4) Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
(5) Business Advisory Committee.
(6) Committee of Privileges.
(7) Library Committee.
(8) Petitions Committee.
(9) Select Committee on Bills.
(10) Joint Select Committee on Bills.
(11) House Committee.
(12) General Purposes Committee.

Necessary provision was made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly on the 16th September, 1964, for the nomination of the Rules Committee. In addition, the following *ad hoc* Committees were also constituted :—

(2) Committee to consider the matter between the U.P. Vidhan Sabha and the Allahabad High Court, nominated on 2nd April, 1964.

(3) Committee to scrutinize the Budget Estimates of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, nominated on the 22nd July, 1964.

(4) *Ad hoc* Committee of Chairmen of various Committees of the Vidhan Sabha to consider the question of holding meetings of Committees or Sub-Committees, outside Chandigarh, nominated on the 17th August, 1964.

(5) Committee to consider the situation arising out of the opinion of the Supreme Court of India on Special Reference No. 1 of 1964 nominated on 17th November, 1964.

Besides the above Committee which functioned during this period, there were the Punjabi and the Hindi Regional Committees. These two Committee which had been constituted under the Punjab Regional Committees Order, 1957 ceased to function on the re-organization of the State and revocation of the above order on 1st November, 1966.

The Public Account Committee and the Estimates Committee were elected every year by the Vidhan Sabha from amongst the members according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote. The rest of the Committees were nominated by the Speaker.

The Chairman of the Regional Committees as well as their respective Vice-Chairmen were elected by the Committees themselves. The Chairmen of the other Committees were appointed by the Speaker. Where, however, the Deputy Speaker was a Member he/she was appointed as the Chairman by the operation of the Rules.

In the case of the Public Accounts Committee, however, the Rules provide that if the Chairman of the Committee during the proceding financial year has served as a Chairman for less than two years and he is

elected a member of the Committee, the Speaker might appoint him as the Chairman of the Committee notwithstanding the fact that the Deputy Speaker has also been elected as a member. By notice of this rule in 1963-64, the Deputy Speaker, though a member of the Committee was not appointed as its Chairman.

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The strength of these Committees is given below.—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Punjabi Regional Committee | .. 87* |
| 2. | Hindi Regional Committee | .. 65* |
| 3. | Committee on Public Accounts | .. 9 M.L.As. † 3 M.L.Cs. |
| 4. | Committee on Estimates | .. 9 †3 M.L.Cs. |
| 5. | Committee on Government Assurances | .. 9 |
| 6. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | .. 8 |
| 7. | Business Advisory Committee | .. Speaker as *ex-officio* Chairman and not more than 5 other members |
| 8. | Committee of Privileges | .. 10 |
| 9. | Library Committee | .. 6 |
| 10. | Committee on Petitions | .. Deputy Speaker as Chairman with four other members of whom one is a member of Panel of Chairmen |
| 11. | General Purposes Committee | .. Strength variable consists of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of the Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committeess of the Vidhan Sabha, Leaders of recognised parties and groups and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker. The Speaker is the *ex officio* Chairman of the Committee |
| 12. | House Committee | .. Deputy Speaker as *ex officio* Chairman and 4 other members |
| 13. | Rules Committee | .. 8 including Speaker who is its Chairman *ex-officio* |

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**Note* (1).—The Speaker and the Chief Minister were not members of either Regional Committee. As both of them happened to represent Constituencies in the Punjabi Region, the total number of members of the Punjabi Regional Committee was 87.

*Note* (2).—These Committees ceased to function on the revolation of the Punjabi Regional Committees Order, 1957, on the reorganisation of the State on 1st November, 1966.

†In addition to the nine members elected by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, the Sabha by a motion has been requesting the Punjab Vidhan Parishad, every year to associate three of its members with the Public Accounts Committee. The Vidhan Parishad has been agreeing each year and been nominating three of its members to associate with each Public Accounts Committee during this period.

† In addition to the nine members elected by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, the Sabha by a motion has been requesting the Punjab Vidhan Parishad since 1964-65 to associate three of its members with the Committee on Estimates. The Vidhan Parishad has been agreeing each year and been nominating three of its members to associate with each Committee on Estimates since 1964-65.

The total number of meetings held by various Committees, year-wise, along with the number of Reports presented by each is given in the following statement.

**Statement showing the number of sittings held by various Committees and the Reports presented by them**

| | *Number of Sittings* | | | | | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1962-63 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | |
| Punjabi Regional Committee .. | 10 | 10 | 6 | 5 | .. | 23 |
| Joint Sub-Committees/Sub-Committees of Punjabi Regional Committee .. | 8 | 31 | 24 | 36 | 1 | .. |
| Hindi Regional Committee .. | 9 | 13 | 11 | 5 | .. | .. |
| Joint Sub-Committees/Sub-Committees of the Hindi Regional Committee .. | 27 | 36 | 59 | 59 | .. | .. |
| Public Accounts Committee .. | 46 | 37 | 39 | 48 | 21 | 9* |
| Drafting Sub-Committee of the Public Accounts Committee .. | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Implementation Sub-Committee of the P.A.C. .. | 3 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 5 | .. |
| Estimates Committee .. | 26 | 28 | 40 | 41 | 9 | 12† |
| Drafting Sub-Committee of the Estimates Committee .. | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| Imp ementation Sub-Committee of the Es timates Committee .. | 6 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 9 | .. |
| Committee on Government Assurances .. | 18 | 17 | 21 | 17 | 15 | 5 |
| *Ad hoc* Committee on Rules .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. |
| Rules Commttee .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 | 2 | .. |
| House Committee .. | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. |
| Library Committee .. | 12 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 10 | .. |
| Sub-Committee of the Library Committee | .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Business Advisory Committee .. | 6 | 11 | 12 | 26 | .. | 39 |
| Committee of Privileges .. | 12 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 13 |
| Sub-Committee of the Committee of Privileges .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 |
| Committee on Subordinate Legislation .. | 13 | 19 | 25 | 24 | 4 | 5 |
| Select Committee .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. |
| Joint Select Committee .. | .. | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 2 |
| Committee to consider matter between the U.P. Vidhan Sabha and Allahabad High Court .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. |

| | Number of sittings | | | | | Number of Reports Presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1962-63 | 1963-64 | 1964-65 | 1965-66 | 1966-67 | |
| Committee to consider the opinion of the Supreme Court of India given on Special Reference No. 1 of 1964 made by the President .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| *Ad hoc* Committee of Chairmen of various Committees of the P.V.S. to consider the question of holding meetings outside Chandigarh .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| Committee to scrutinise the Budget Estimates of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. |

†One report was deemed to have been presented.
This number includes eight reports on the Supplementary Estimates.

In relation to the Regional Committees the following additional information may be of interest :—

| | | P.R.C. | H.R.C. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Number of Bills referred to .. | 25 | 24 |
| (2) | Number of Resolutions received .. | 25 | 53 |
| (3) | Number of Resolutions admitted .. | 13 | 30 |
| (4) | Number of Resolutions passed .. | 5 | 8 |

## SELECT COMMITTEES/JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

(i) *Select Committee.*—The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1965, by Giani Kartar Singh, M.L.A., was referred to a Select Committee by the Vidhan Sabha on 24th March, 1966, consisting of nine members including the Minister-in-charge and the Advocate-General. The Committee held two sittings but the report could not be finalised up to the 5th July, 1966, when the Proclamation was issued by the President of India under Article 356 of the Constitution.

(ii) *Joint Select Committees.*—The following Bills which originated in the Vidhan Sabha were, with the concurrence of the Vidhan Parishad, referred to the Joint Committee of the two Houses :—

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Strength | Date of reference | Number of Meetings | Date of presentation of Reports |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Bill, 1964 .. | 27 | 1-4-64 | 4 | 24-2-65 |
| 2 | The Punjab Unqualified Medical Practitioners Enrolment Bill, 1964 | 27 | 1-4-64 | 4 | 24-2-65 |

# PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTE

The Public Accounts Committee for the year 1962-63 completed the scrutiny in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1959-60 and Audit Report, 1961 and the Finance Accounts, 1958-59 and 1959-60, questionnaire in respect of which had already been issued by the Committee for the previous year. The Committee presented its Report (Sixteenth Report) on these Accounts to the Vidhan Sabha on the 5th November, 1962.

Besides, the Committee framed questionnaire on and examined the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1960-61 and the Audit Report, 1962 and the Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1960-61 and presented its Reports (Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports) on the 4th March and 20th March, 1963, respectively.

During 1963-64, the Committee framed questionnaire on and examined the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1961-62 and the Audit Report, 1963 and the Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1961-62, and presented its Nineteenth and Twentieth Reports on the aforementioned Accounts on the 18th February and 19th March, 1964.

During 1964-65, the Committee framed questionnaire on and examined the following—

(1) Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1962-63 and the Audit Report, 1964;

(2) Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1962-63; and

(3) (a) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1959-60 and 1960-61;

(b) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation for the year 1962-63;

(c) Audit Report on the Accounts of Mandi-Kulu Road Transport Corporation for the year 1962-63;

(d) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Punjab Warehousing Corporation for the year 1962-63; and

(e) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Punjab Financial Corporation for the year 1962-63.

It presented its Twenty-first Report on the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1962-63 and the Audit Report, 1964 and the Finance Accounts for the year 1962-63, on the 15th March, 1965.

The Public Accounts Committee for the year 1965-66 finalised and presented its Report (Twenty-second Report) on the following on the 12th October, 1965 :—

(i) Audit Report on the Accounts of Mandi-Kulu Road Transport Corporation, Mandi, for the year 1962-63;

(ii) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Patiala, for the year 1962-63;

(iii) Audit Report on the Accounts of Punjab Financial Corporation, Chandigarh, for the year 1962-63; and

(iv) Audit Report on the Accounts of the Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala, for the period from 1st April, 1959 to 31st March, 1961.

In addition to above, the Committee also framed questionnaire on and examined (i) the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1963-64 and the Audit Report, 1965 and (ii) the Finance Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1963-64, and presented its Twenty-third Report on the aforesaid Accounts on the 8th March, 1966.

The Committee visited Talwara Township and Pong Dam site for an on the spot study on the 25th January, 1966.

The Public Accounts Committee for the year 1966-67 completed the examination in respect of those Departments which could not be examined by the previous Committee for want of time, with regard to paragraphs/notes appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1963-64 and the Audit Report 1965 and finalised its Report (Twenty-fourth Report).

The Committee also framed questionnaire in respect of paragraphs/notes appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1964-65 and the Audit Report, 1966 in-so-far as these related to Flood Control Drainage etc., and Agriculture Department, with the permission of the Hon'ble Speaker as these Accounts had yet to be laid on the Table of the Vidhan Sabha.

The Committee examined the representatives of Irrigation and Power Departments and the Agriculture Department (regarding some paragraphs/notes) in respect of the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1964-65 and the Audit Report, 1966.

On the 28th June, 1966, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed the members of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Committee held its last meeting on the 28th June, 1966, after which it could not meet on account of the suspension of certain Articles of the Constitution, including Article 208 and the enforcement of President's Rule in Punjab.

After the reorganisation of the State, the Committee framed questionnaire in respect of paragraphs/notes appearing in the Appropriation Accounts 1964-65 and Audit Report, 1966, insofar as these related to Industries, Social Welfare and Animal Husbandry Departments and thereafter examined the representatives of these Departments. The twenty-fourth Report was deemed to have been presented to th House on the 7th December, 1966.

## IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee had been appointing an Implementation Sub-Committee from time to time for examining the action taken by Government on its earlier recommendations/observations. Statements showing the outstanding recommendations/observations of the Committee appeared in the form of Appendices to the 20th and 21st Reports.

## DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee had also been appointing a Drafting Sub-Committee from time to time which drafted the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-third Reports which were later adopted by the full Committee. The Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Reports were drafted by the Committee itself.

## COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

The Committee examined the Budget Estimates and orally examined the representative of the following Departments :—

(i) In 1962-63—

Medical and Public Health Department (including Ayurvedic Department) Community Projects and Panchayats (Deve-

lopment) Department, and Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department;

(ii) In 1963-64—

Education Department, State Electricity Board, Capital Project Organisation and Industries Department;

(iii) In 1964-65—

Food and Supplies Department, Transport Department, Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch) and Co-operation Department;

(iv) in 1965-66—

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Agriculture Department, Forest Department, Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch) and Excise and Taxation Department;

*(v) In 1966-67—

Fisheries Department, General Administration (Civil Secretariat) and State Ware-housing Corporation.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1962-63 (1st and 2nd Instalments), 1963-64 (1st and 2nd Instalments), 1964-65 (1st and 2nd Instalments) and 1965-66 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

The Committee presented four Reports on the Budget Estimates of different departments, one in each year. It also presented reports on each instalment of the Supplementary Estimates.

The Implementation Sub-Committee was constituted each year during the period from 1962-63 to 1966-67. This Sub-Committee has from time to time been scrutinising the action taken by Government on the recommendations and observations, made in the earlier reports of the Committee.

The Implementation Sub-Committee visited New Delhi during 1963-64 to discuss procedural matters with the Estimates Committee of the Lok Sabha.

Drafting Sub-Committees were also appointed each year during the period from 1962-63 to 1965-66, the draft reports of which were adopted by the Committee.

In 1962-63, the Committee scrutinized the material relating to the Medical and Public Health Department (including Ayurvedic Department). Community Projects and Panchayat (Development) Department and Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department and framed questionnaire thereon. It also visited Patiala for an on the spot study of the Ayurvedic Pharmacy, the Ayurvedic College and the Ayurvedic Hospital, Patiala.

In 1963-64, the Committee scrutinized the material relating to the Education Department, Punjab State Electricity Board, Capital Project Organisation, P.W.D., Irrigation Branch including Flood Control and Drainage Works and Industries Department and framed questionnaire thereon.

In 1964-65, the Committee scrutinized material relating to the Food and Supplies Department, Transport Department, Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch) Co-operation Department and Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch) and framed questionnaire thereon. The Committee visited Manali/Kulu for an on the spot study of the developmental activities in the Hilly areas.

A Study Group of the Estimates Committee also visited Patiala, Gurgaon and Pathankot for an on-the-spot study of the working of the Pepsu and Punjab Roadways Depots there.

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* Please see para 3 at page 26 supra in this connection,

In 1965-66, the Committee scrutinized the material relating to the Forest Department, the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and the Bhakra Dam Administration and framed questionnaire thereon.

The Committee visited Rupar for an on-the-spot study of the Sutlej Canalization Scheme. In addition, the Committee visited the Birla Seed Farm near Rupar, Bhakra Dam, the site of the Pong Dam at Talwara and the Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

In 1966-67, the Committee scrutinized the material relating to the Fisheries Department, General Administration (Civil Secretariat) and State Ware-housing Corporation and framed questionnaire thereon. The Committee however, could not orally examine the departmental representatives and make its report on the Budget Estimates of these Departments/Corporation as with effect from the 5th July, 1965 certain provisions of the Constitution, including Article 208 were suspended and President's Rule enforced in Punjab.

After the re-organisation of the State on 1st November, 1966, the Committee asked for the revised estimates of the Punjab Government Departments for the period 1st November, 1966 to 31st March, 1967 and also figures relating to the Punjab Roadways' buses/other vehicles/spare parts/equipment/services etc allocated to the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Chandigarh Union Territory on re-organisation. This information had not been received from the Finance and Transport Departments upto 28th February, 1967.

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

During 1962-63, the Committee scrutinised—

(i) 251 assurances culled out from the debates relating to the Budget Session, 1962 out of which 198 were selected for seeking information from the Government as to their implementation.

(ii) Replies received from Government from time to time up to the 28th January, 1963 in regard to the implementation of the outstanding assurances.

(iii) Statement showing the action taken by the Government on the 16 non-official Resolutions adopted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha upto February, 1960, which were referred to the Committee by the Speaker for scrutiny. The Committee made certain observations in regard to the implementation of 5 Resolutions and noted the rest.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined in regard to the implementation of some of these assurances:—

"Vigilance, Revenue, Co-operation, Printing and Stationery, Education, Irrigation and Power and Home."

The Report of the Committee for the year 1961-62, (7th Report), which could not be presented by the Committee constituted for that year, was presented on the 5th November, 1962, by the Committee constituted for the year 1962-63. The eighth report for the year 1962-63 was presented on the 14th March, 1963. During 1963-64 the Committee scrutinized:—

113 Assurances culled out from the Debates relating to the November, 1962 Session, 399 assurances relating to Budget Session, 1963 and 180 assurances relating to Autumn Session 1963. Out of these, 105 assurances relating to November Session, 1962, 378 assurances relating to Budget Session 1963, and 167 relating to Autumn Session, 1963, were selected for seeking information from the Government as to their implementation.

Replies received from Government from time to time up to 22nd January, 1964 in regard to the implementation of assurances.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined in regard to the implementation of different assurances:—

"Revenue, Irrigation and Power, Education".

The Committee presented its Ninth Report on 25th March, 1964 to the House. During 1964-65, the Committee scrutinised:—

436 assurances relating to the Budget Session, 1964, out of which 402 assurances were selected for seeking information from the Government as to their implementation;

replies received from Government from time to time up to 13th February, 1965, in regard to the implementation of assurances.

The Committee reviewed the outstanding assurances contained in the Ninth Report and dropped those assurances which had lost their utility and importance due to lapse of time.

The representatives of the following Departments were orally examined in regard to the implementation of various assurances:—

"Education, Irrigation and Power, Finance".

The Committee presented its 10th Report to the House on 26th March, 1965. During 1965-66, the Committee scrutinised:—

361 assurances relating to Autumn Session, 1964 and 402 assurances relating to the Budget Session, 1965, were culled out from the debates. Out of these, 354 assurances relating to Autumn Session, 1964 and 382 assurances relating to Budget Session, 1965, were selected for seeking information from the Government as to their implementation;

(ii) the replies received from the Government from time to time, up to 9th February, 1966, in regard to the implementation of assurances;

(iii) the representatives of the following Departments were orally examined in regard to the implementation of various assurances:—

"Irrigation, Vigilance, Revenue, Labour, Transport, Electricity".

The Committee presented its 11th Report to the House on 30th March, 1966.

During the year 1966-67, the Committee scrutinized:—

replies received from the Government in regard to the implementation of various assurances; and

further information supplied in regard to the implementation of various assurances.

The representative of the Industries department was orally examined in connection with the implementation of certain assurances.

The Committee held its last meeting on the 24th June, 1966, after which it could not meet on account of the suspension of certain Articles of the Constitution, including Article 208 and the enforcement of President's Rule in Punjab.

After the re-organisation of the State, the Committee reviewed the outstanding assurances contained in its 11th Report from Serial No. 1 to 774 and dropped the assurances relating to Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Union Territory of Chandigarh, etc., in view of the reorganisation of the State.

## *AD HOC* COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Business Advisory Committee in its Report, dated the 9th April, 1964, which was adopted by the House on 10th April, 1964, recommended that a Rules Revision Committee (*Ad hoc* Committee on Rules), be appointed to consider the existing Rules of Procedure and Conduct of

Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly so as to suggest amendments wherever necessary. Accordingly an *Ad Hoc* Committee on Rules, with the Speaker as Chairman, was nominated on the 17th April, 1964, which was reconstituted on the 25th July, 1964. The Committee took certain decisions in regard to starred questions, adjournment motions and call attention notices which were circulated to the members of the House for observance, but no Report was finalised.

## RULES COMMITTEE

Under Rule 254 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, the Speaker nominated the Rules Committee on the 6th October, 1964, but it held no meeting. It was again nominated on the 28th April, 1965. The Committee examined a number of Rules, but could not finalise its report up to the 5th July, 1966, when the Proclamation was issued by the President of India under Article 356 of the Constitution.

On the 30th November, 1966, (after re-organisation of the State) the Speaker reconstituted the Rules Committee. It held two meeting to consider certain suggestions received from the Members, in regard to modification of Rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period the Committee, apart from allotting accommodation to the Members on party/Group basis in the Legislators' Hostel/Flats at Chandigarh for different Sessions considered the arrangements regarding comforts and conveniences of the members during their stay in the Hostels. It also considered certain improvement in the catering arrangements in the Legislators' Hostels/Vidhan Bhavan Canteens. The members of the House Committee of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh during the year 1963 and exchanged views with the members of the House Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, regarding the comforts and convenience provided to the members of both States' Legislators.

The number of meetings of the House Committee held are given below year-wise up to date:—

| *Year* | *Number of meetings.* |
|---|---|
| 1962-63 | ... 4 |
| 1963-64 | ... 7 |
| 1964-65 | ... 3 |
| 1965-66 | ... 2 |
| 1966-67 | ... nil |

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee made recommendations for the purchase of books and periodicals for the Vidhan Sabha Library. As a result of its recommendations 9,011 books in English, Hindi, Punjabi, Sanskrit and Urdu worth Rs. 1,07,947.15 Paise have been added to the Library and the following 25 periodicals are being subscribed to:—

(1) The Parliamentary Studies.
(2) The Indian Journal of Public Administration.
(3) The Social Welfare.
(4) The Lahore Law Times.
(5) The Civic Affairs.
(6) The Kurukshetra.

(7) The Reader's Digest.
(8) The Herald of Health.
(9) The All-India Reporter.
(10) The Aj Kal (Urdu).
(11) The Oil and Coal News.
(12) The Navneet (Hindi).
(13) The Jan Sahitya. (Hindi).
(14) The Jan Sahit (Punjabi).
(15) The Gram Bhavna (Hindi).
(16) The Preet Lari. (Punjabi).
(17) The Eastern Economist.
(18) The Shanker's weekly.
(19) The Link.
(20) The Time.
(21) The Life.
(22) The National Star.
(23) The New Age.
(24) The Dharam Youg. (Hindi).
(25) The Hindustan, (Hindi).

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 1962-63, the Committee made recommendations about the time allocations for the Bills repealing Ordinance, taxation measures, demands for grants to be discussed in the House and other business pending before the House, etc., in the Second (November, 1962), Third (February-March, 1963). Sessions.

Again in 1933-64, the Committee recommended time allocations for various motions, Bills, Demands for Grants, etc., to be taken up during the 3rd (April, 1963), 4th (September-October, 1963) and 5th (February-March, 1964). Sessions.

During 1964-65 in the 5th (April, 1964), 6th September-October, 1964) and 7th (February-March, 1965). Sessions of the Vidhan Sabha, the Committee recommended allocations of time for various Bills, Motions, Governor's Address, Supplementary Estimates, Budget and other different items of business.

During the 7th (April, 1965), 8th (October-November, 1965) and 9th (February-March, 1966). Sessions held in 1965-66, the time allocations were for various motions, Bills, Reports, Excess Demands, Demands for Grants and other various business before the House.

Committee constituted to secrutinize the Budget Estimates of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat. The Committee, with Shri Rala Ram, M.L.A., as Chairman, was nominated by the Speaker on the 22nd July, 1964.

The Committee held 2 meetings and considered and approved the Budget Estimates including the schedule of new expenditure of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat for the financial years, 1965-66 and 1966-67.

After the reorganisation of the State of Punjab, this Committee was reconstituted and Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A., was nominated as its Chairman. The Committee held one meeting and considered and approved the Budget Estimates for the year 1967-68.

## COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The rules scrutinized by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below yearwise:—

1962-63—

(i) The Punjab Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958.

(ii) The Punjab Intoxicating Spirituous, Preparation, Import, Export, Transport Possession and Sale Rules, 1952, framed under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

(iii) The Punjab Liquor License Rules, 1956, framed under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

(iv) The Punjab Land Revenue (Thur, Sem, Chos and Sand) Remission and Suspension Rules, 1960, framed under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887.

(v) The Punjab Zila Parishads Election Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(vi) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Election) Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(vii) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Election Petition) Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(viii) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis (Co-option of Members) Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(ix) The Punjab Zila Parishads (Co-option of Members) Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(x) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Conduct of Proceedings) Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(xi) The Punjab Compulsory Services Rules, 1961, framed under the Punjab Compulsory Services Act, 1961.

(xii) The Punjab Excise Bonded Warehouse Rules, 1957, framed under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

1963-64—

(i) The Punjab State Aid to Industries Rules, 1936, framed under the Punjab State Aid to Industries Act, 1935.

(ii) The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (General) Rules, 1962, framed under the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961.

(iii) The Punjab Prisoners (Attendance in Courts) Rules, 1963, framed under the Prisoners (Attendance in Courts) Act, 1955.

(iv) The Punjab Agriculturists' Loans Rules, 1910, framed under the Agriculturists Loans Act, 1884.

(v) The Punjab Police Rules, 1934, framed under the Punjab Police Act.

1964-65—

(i) The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Rules, 1959, framed under the Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Act, 1952.

(ii) The Chandigarh (Sale of Sites and Buildings) Rules, 1960, framed under the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952.

(iii) The Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of Purchase and Supply) Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of Purchase and Supply) Act, 1953.

(iv) The Punjab Commercial Crops Cess Rules, 1963, framed under the Punjab Commercial Crops Cess Act, 1963.

(v) The Punjab Liquor Prohibition Rules, 1955, framed under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

(vi) The Punjab Opium Prohibition Rules, 1959, framed under the Opium Act, 1878.

(vii) The Punjab Molasses (Control) Rules, 1962, framed under the East Punjab Molasses (Control) Act, 1948.

(viii) The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1952, framed under the Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1952.

(ix) The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Rules, 1964, framed under the Punjab Villages Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961.

(x) The Land Revenue Assessment Rules, 1929, framed under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887.

1965-66—

(i) The Punjab Restitution of Mortgaged Lands Rules, 1939, framed under the Punjab Restitution of Mortgaged Lands Act, 1938.

(ii) Rules framed under the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873.

(iii) The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Rules, 1948, framed under the East Punjab Holdings Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act, 1948.

(iv) The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Rules, 1939, framed under the Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Act, 1939.

(v) The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Rules, 1956, framed under the Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act, 1953.

(vi) The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Non-official Members (Payment of Allowances) Rules, 1965, framed under the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Act, 1961.

(vii) The Punjab Prisons Service (Class II) Rules, 1963, framed under the Proviso to Articles 309 of the Constitution of India.

1966-67—

The Punjab Dramatic Performances Rules, 1965, framed under the Punjab Dramatic Performances, Act, 1964.

Having examined the Rules detailed above, the Committee presented its Reports for each of the said years on the 14th March, 1963, 25th March, 1964, 24th March, 1965 and 30th March, 1966. The Report for the

year 1961-62, which could not be presented by the Committee constituted for that year, was presented on the 5th November, 1963, by the Committee constituted for the year 1962-63.

The Committee, constituted for the year 1966-67, scrutinized the Punjab Dramatic Performances Rules, 1965, framed under the Punjab Dramatic Performances Act, 1964. In addition the Committee had selected the following Rules for scrutiny but could not proceed with this work as the Committee ceased to function due to the Proclamation of the President under Article 356 of the Constitution.

(1) The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation Rules, 1965, framed under the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation Act, 1950.

(2) The Punjab Gram Panchayat Rules, 1965, framed under the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952.

The Committee constituted after the reorganisation of the State held no meeting.

## COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MATTER BETWEEN THE U. P. VIDHAN SABHA AND THE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT

As authorised by the House at its meeting held on the 2nd April, 1964, a Committee with the Speaker as Chairman, was nominated the same day to consider the course of action to be taken in regard to the reference before the Supreme Court about the matter between the U. P. Vidhan Sabha and the U. P. High Court. The Committee held two sittings to consider the matter.

## COMMITTTEE OF CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE VIDHAN SABHA TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF HOLDING MEETINGS OUTSIDE CHANDIGARH.

The Committee consisting of Chairmen of various Committees of the Vidhan Sabha was nominated on the 17th August, 1964, with the Speaker as Chairman to consider the question of holding meetings of the Committees or Sub-Committees outside Chandigarh. The Committee held one sitting and took certain decisions.

## COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE OPINION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA GIVEN ON SPECIAL REFERENCE No. 1 OF 1964, MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

On a motion passed by the Vidhan Sabha at its meeting held on the 6th October, 1964, a Committee with the Speaker as Chairman, was nominated on the 17th November, 1964, to consider the situation arising out of the opinion of the Supreme Court of India on Special Reference No. 1 of 1964, made by the President. The Committee held two meetings to discuss the matter. It did not make any formal Report but decided to request the State Government to bring an official resolution recommending to the Union Government that suitable amendment to Articles 105 and 194 should be made in order to make the intention of the Constitution-makers clear beyond doubt so that the powers, privileges and immunities of Legislatures, their Members and Committees could not, in any case, be construed as being subject to or subordinate to any other Article of the Constitution.

## RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave Rulings on or made Observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resumes for various Sessions of the Sabha.

## POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various points of order, reference may be made to the Resumes of various Sessions.

## APPENDIX I

(For reference, please *see* "Legislative" at page 4 ante)

### LIST OF BILLS WHICH ORIGINATED IN AND WERE PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA FIRST (MARCH—APRIL—MAY) SESSION, 1962.

1. The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Introduced on the 2nd April, 1962, passed on the 7th May, 1962).

2. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 20th March, 1962; passed on the 20th March, 1962).

3. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (introduced on the 2nd April, 1962; passed on the 20th April, 1962).

4. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Amendment Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 2nd April, 1962; passed on the 8th May, 1962).

5. The Punjab Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 4th April, 1962; passed on the 7th May, 1962).

6. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 28th March, 1962; passed on the 28th March, 1962).

7. The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 11), Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 24th April, 1962; passed on the 4th May, 1962).

8. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 27th April, 1962; passed on the 17th May, 1962).

9. The Security of Land Tenures (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 27th April, 1962; passed on the 16th May, 1962).

10. The Punjab Land Revenue Special Assessment (Exemption) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 30th April, 1962; passed on the 8th May, 1962).

11. The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 2nd May, 1962; passed on the 9th May, 1962).

12. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 2nd May, 1962; passed on the 2nd May, 1962).

13. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 9th May, 1962, passed on the 9th May, 1962).

14 The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 9th May, 1962; passed on the 14th May, 1962).

15. The Punjab Temporary Taxation Bill, 1962, (Introduced on the 17th May, 1962; passed on the 18th May, 1962).

### SECOND (NOVEMBER) SESSION, 1962.

16. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on the 5th November, 1962; passed on 9th November, 1962).

17. The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 6th November, 1962).

18. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Second Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 7th November, 1962).

19. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Second Amendment and Validation Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962, passed on the 9th November, 1962).

20. The Punjab Temporary Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 5th November, 1962).

21. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 8th November, 1962; passed on the 8th November, 1962).

22. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 8th November, 1962; passed on 8th November, 1962).

23. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 7th November, 1962; passed on 9th November, 1962).

THIRD (FEBRUARY—MARCH—APRIL) SESSION, 1963

24. The Punjab Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 8th April, 1963).

25. The Punjab Thur and Sem Lands (Reclamation Bill), 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 11th April, 1963).

26. The Punjab Corneal Grafting Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 5th April, 1963).

27. The Punjab Anatomy Bill, 1962 (Introduced on 5th November, 1962; passed on 5th April, 1963).

28. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 19th February, 1963; passed on 28th February, 1963).

29. The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Amendment and Validation Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 19th February, 1963; passed on 8th April, 1963).

30. The Punjab Land Improvement Schemes Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 27th February, 1963; passed on 9th April, 1963).

31. The Punjab Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 28th February, 1963; passed on 28th February, 1963).

32. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 28th February, 1963; passed on 28th February, 1963).

33. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 28th February, 1963; passed on 21st March, 1963).

34. The Punjab Development of Damaged Areas (Validation) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 28th February, 1963; passed on 21st March, 1963).

35. The Punjab Appropriation Bill 1963, (Introduced on 5th March, 1963, passed on 5th March, 1963).

36. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 6th March, 1963; passed on 8th April, 1963).

37. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 12th March, 1963; passed on 11th April, 1963).

38. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 18th March, 1963; passed on 11th April, 1963).

39. The Punjab Commercial Crops Cess Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 20th March, 1963; passed on 28th March, 1963).

40. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1963, (Introduced on 27th March, 1963; passed on 27th March, 1963).

41. The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Amendment Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 28th March, 1963; passed on 29th March, 1963).

42. The Punjab General Sales Tax Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 1963. (Introduced on 29th March, 1963; passed on 29th March, 1963).

43. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 29th March, 1963; passed on 29th March, 1963).

44. The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Charges) Amendment Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 3rd April, 1963; passed on 8th April, 1963).

FOURTH (SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER) SESSION, 1963

45. The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th April, 1963; passed on 13th September, 1963).

46. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963; passed on 9th September, 1963).

47. The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963; passed on 25th September, 1963).

48. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1963, (Introduced on 9th September, 1963; passed on 25th September, 1963).

49. The Punjab Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963); passed on 25th September, 1963).

50. The Punjab Courts (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963; passed on 25th September, 1963).

51. The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963); passed on 26th September, 1963).

52. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Amendment and Validation Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963; passed on 27th September, 1963).

53. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill 1963 (Introduced on 12th September 1963; deemed to have been passed on 8th October, 1963 under Rule 171-A of the Rules of Procedure).

54. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 13th September 1963; passed on 13th September, 1963).

55. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 13th September 1963; passed on 13th September 1963).

56. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Second Amendment) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 26th September, 1963, passed on 26th September, 1963).

FIFTH (FEBRUARY-MARCH-APRIL) SESSION, 1964.

57. The Punjab Urban Estates (Development and Regulation) Bill, 1963 (Introduced on 9th September, 1963; passed on 10th April, 1964).

58. The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 18th February, 1964 passed on 6th April,1964).

59. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 2nd March, 1964; passed on 2nd March, 1964).

60. The East Punjab Molasses (Control) Amendment Bill, 1964; passed on 6th April, 1964).

61. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 9th March, 1964; passed on 10th April, 1964).

62. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1964. (Introduced on 9th March, 1964; passed on 10th April, 1964).

63. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 9th March, 1964; passed on 10th April, 1964).

64. The Punjab Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 10th March, 1964; passed on 3rd April, 1964).

65. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 25th March, 1964; passed on 25th March, 1964).

66. The Punjab Reclamation of Land (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 8th April, 1964; passed on 8th April, 1964 ).

67. The Punjab Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Development (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 10th April, 1964; passed on 19th April, 1964).

68. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 17th April, 1964; passed on 17th April, 1964).

69 The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 17th April, 1964; passed on 17th April, 1964).

70. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 17th April, 1964; passed on 17th April, 1964).

71. The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 17th April, 1964; passed on 17th April, 1964).

SIXTH (SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER) SESSION, 1964.

72. The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1964, (Introduced on 15th September, 1964; passed on 3rd October, 1964).

73. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1954, (Introduced on 15th September, 1964; pased on 15th September, 1964).

74. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 15th September, 1964; passed on 16th September, 1964).

75. The Punjab Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1964, (Introduced on 16th September, 1964; passed on 18th September, 1964).

76. The Indian Stamps (Punjab Third Amendment) Bill, 1964 Introduced on 21st September, 1964; passed on 21st September, 1964).

77. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1964, (Introduced on 28th September, 1964; passed on 28th September, 1964).

78. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 28th September, 1964; passed on 28th September, 1964).

SEVENTH (FEBRUARY—MARCH—APRIL) SESSION, 1965.

79. The Punjab Cattle Preservation Bill, 1964, (Introduced on 18th February, 1964), deemed to have been passed on 1st May, 1965, under Rule 171-A of the Rules of Procedure).

80. The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Bill, 1964 (Introduced on 18th February, 1964; passed on 28th April, 1965).

81. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on 24th February, 1965; passed on 31st March, 1965).

82. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 24th February, 1965; passed on 2nd April, 1965).

83. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on 24th February, 1965; passed on 5th April, 1965).

84. The Punjab Official Languages (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 24th February, 1965; passed on 2nd April, 1965).

85. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill 1965 (Introduced on 3rd March, 1965; passed on 19th April, 1965).

86. The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on 3rd March, 1965; passed on 7th April, 1965).

87. The Punjab Labour Welfare Fund Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 3rd March, 1965; passed on 9th April, 1965).

88. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 4th March, 1965; passed on 4th March, 1965).

98. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 9th March, 1965; passed on 7th April, 1965).

90. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 26th March, 1965; passed on 7th April, 1965).

91. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 30th March, 1965; passed on 30th March, 1965).

92. The Punjab Ministers and Deputy Ministers Salaries and Allowances (Validation) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 19th April, 1965; passed on 19th April, 1965).

93. The Punjab Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 28th April, 1965; passed on 28th April, 1965).

94. The Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Amendment and Validation Bill, 1965, (Introduced on 28th April, 1965; passed on 28th April, 1965).

EIGHTH (OCTOBER—NOVEMBER) SESSION, 1965.

95. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on 28th April, 1965; passed on 12th October, 1965).

96. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on the 15th October, 1965; passed on the 19th October, 1965).

97. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1965 (Introduced on the 18th October, 1965; passed on the 18th October, 1965).

98. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1965 (Intrcdcced on the 18th October, 1965; passed on the 18th October, 1965).

99. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on the 20th October, 1965; passed on the 26th October, 1965).

100. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on the 2nd November, 1965; passed on the 17th November, 1965).

101. The Punjab Commercial Crops Cess (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on the 2nd November, 1965; passed on the 24th November, 1965).

102. The Punjab State Legislature Officers Ministers and Members (Medical Facilities) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on 3rd November, 1965; passed on the 3rd November, 1965).

103. The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on 3rd March, 1965; passed on 12th October, 1965).

NINTH (FEBRUARY—MARCH) SESSION, 1966

104. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Introduced on the 12th October, 1965; passed on the 25th February, 1966).

105. The Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of purchase and Supply) Amendment Bill, 1965, (Introduced on the 1st November, 1965; passed on the 25th February, 1966).

106. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1966, (Introduced on the 2nd March, 1966; passed on the 2nd March, 1966).

107. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1966 (Introduced on 4th March, 1966; passed on 10th March, 1966).

108. The Punjab Salaries and Allowances (Validation) Bill, 1966, (Introduced on the 21st March, 1966; passed on the 30th March, 1966).

109. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1966, (Introduced on the 28th March, 1966; passed on the 28th March, 1966).

## APPENDIX II

(For Reference, please *see* 'Legislative" at page 4 *ante*)

### LIST OF BILLS WHICH ORIGINATED IN AND WERE RECEIVED FROM THE VIDHAN PARISHAD AND PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA.

FIRST (MARCH—APRIL—MAY) SESSION, 1962

1. The Payment of Wages (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 5th April, 1962; passed on 4th May, 1962).

2. The East Punjab Cement Control (Repealing) Bill, 1962, (Received on 5th April, 1962; passed on 4th May, 1962).

3. The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 23rd April, 1962; passed on 4th May, 1962).

4. The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 9th May, 1962; passed on 14th May, 1962).

SECOND (NOVEMBER) SESSION, 1962.

5. The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 8th November, 1962; passed on 9th November, 1962).

6. The Punjab Warehouses (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 8th November, 1962; passed on 9th November, 1962).

THIRD (FEBRUARY—MARCH—APRIL) SESSION, 1963

7. The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1963, (Received on 27th February, 1963; passed on 21st March, 1963).

8. The Punjab Gift Goods (Unlawful Possession) Bill, 1963, (Received on 18th March, 1963; passed on 29th March, 1963).

9. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1963, (Received on 28th February, 1963; passed on 5th April, 1963).

10. The Punjab Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1963, (Received on 19th March, 1963; passed on 5th April, 1963).

FOURTH (SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER) SESSION, 1963.

11. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 25th March, 1963; passed on 12th September, 1963).

12. The Payment of Wages (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1963, (Received on 9th September, 1963; passed on 23rd September, 1963).

13. The Punjab Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Development Bill, 1963, (Received on 12th September, 1963; passed on 24th September, 1963).

14. The Punjab Excise (Second Amendment) Bill, 1963, (Received on 9th September, 1963; passed on 25th September, 1963).

15. The Punjab State Faculty of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine Bill, 1963; (Received on 8th September, 1963; passed on 27th September, 1963).

16. The Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners Bill, 1963, (Received on 23rd September, 1963; passed on 1st October, 1963).

17. The Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill. 1963, (Received on 12th September, 1963; passed on 1st October, 1963).

FIFTH (FEBRUARY—MARCH—APRIL) SESSION, 1964

18. The Punjab Criminal Law Amendment Bill, 1964, (Received on 24th February, 1964; passed on 26th March, 1964).

19. The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Repealing) Bill, 1964, (Received on 24th February, 1964; passed on 3rd April, 1964).

20. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 1964; (Received on 24th February, 1964; passed on 3rd April, 1964).

21. The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1964, (Received on 24th February, 1964; passed on 6th April, 1964).

22. The Punjab Dramatic Performances Bill, 1964, (Received on 24th February, 1964; passed on 7th April, 1964).

23. The Punjab Pre-emption (Amendment) Bill, 1962, (Received on 25th March, 1963; passed on 10th April, 1964).

SEVENTH (FEBRUARY—MARCH—APRIL) SESSION, 1965.

24. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1965, (Received on 8th March, 1965; passed on 9th April, 1965).

25. The Punjab Warehouses (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Received on 9th March, 1965; passed on 9th April, 1965).

26. The Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Bill, 1965, (Received on 28th April, 1965; passed on 28th April, 1965).

27. The Punjab Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories (Amendment) Bill, 1965; (Received on 21st April, 1965; passed on 28th April, 1965).

EIGHT (OCTOBER—NOVEMBER) SESSION, 1965.

28. The Kurukshtra University (Amendment) Bill, 1965, (Received on 20th October, 1965; passed on 22nd October, 1965).

NINTH (FEBRUARY—MARCH) SESSION, 1966.

29. The Provincial Small Cause Courts (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1966 (Received on 2nd March, 1966; passed on 10th March, 1966).

30. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1966, (Received on 3rd March, 1966; passed on 10th March, 1966).

## APPENDIX III

(For Reference please see "Resolutions" Non-official at page 8 ante)

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Educational Development in district Kangra and other Hilly areas | "In the interest of educational development of Kangra District and other backward hilly areas of the State, this Assembly recommends to the Government to take the following steps immediately :—<br>(i) education up to the higher secondary level both for boys and girls be made free ;<br>(ii) girls belonging to Kangra District, who have passed the middle school examination be made eligible for admission to the J.B.T. classes in the said district ; and<br>(iii) more schools of different categories be opened in the remote rural areas of Kangra and other hilly districts". | 29th March, 1962<br>5th April, 1962<br>19th April, 1962 | Lost |
| 2 | Construction of residential houses for officials at district and tehsil headquarters | "In order to obviate the hardship caused to officials on their transfers in the matter of finding suitable residential accommodation, this House recommends to the Government to take early steps for the construction of suitable residential houses for its officials at district and tehsil headquarters in the State". | 19th April, 1962<br>26th April, 1962 | Carried |
| 3 | Liberation of Goa .. | "This House places on record its deep appreciation of the military action in Goa and the liquidation of the last foreign pocket from the Indian soil. The speed and efficiency with which the entire operation was carried out by our Armed Forces entitle them to genuine admiration and thankfullness on our part. It is a matter of pride for Punjab, that two of her illustrious sons, Major Shiv Dev Singh Sidhu and Captain V.K. Sehgal laid down their lives for liberating the people of Goa from the yoke of foreign rule. The House expresses its full sympathy with the members of the bereaved families and suggests that two minutes silence be observed as mark of respect to the memories of the departed heroes". | 26th April, 1962<br>17th May, 1962 | Carried |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Reduction in the size of the Ministry | "This Assembly congratulates the Chief Minister for his bold step in reducing the size of the Ministry and the outgoing Ministrers, State Ministers and the Deputy Ministers for the spirit of self secrifice displayed by them and also the Government in general for taking various measures of economy to meet the national needs". | 21st February, 1963<br>7th March, 1963 | Carried |
| 5 | Chinese Aggression .. | "This Assembly recommends to the Government to approach the Union Government to take firm steps to oust Chinese aggressors from every inch of the sacred soil of our country and further recommends not to sit round the table with the aggressor until the objective is fully achieved". | 7th March, 1963 | Withdrawn |
| 6 | Free Technical Education | "In order to increase the number of Engineers and Craftsmen for the development of industries, this Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps for imparting free technical education in the State'.". | 14th March, 1963 | Resolution under dis cussion when the House was adjourned. The House was prorogued later on |
| 7 | Post Graduate Research and Medical Institute, Chandigarh | "This Assembly recommends to the Government that the Post Graduate Research and Medical Institute, Chandigarh, be closed for the duration of the Emergency". | 12th September, 1963<br>19th September, 1963 | Lost |
| 8 | Construction of roads in the Hilly areas in the State | "This Assembly rcemmends to the Government that with a view to providing the far-flung places in the State with transport facilities, which will make the implementation of development plans easier, road construction work in the Hilly area of the State be taken up on a top priority basis without making any cut in the allocations provided in the Third Five Year Plan for this purpose". | 19th September, 1963 | —Resolution under discussion when the House was adjourned. The House was prorogued later on |
| 9 | Socialistic Pattern of Society in the State | "With a view to establish Socialism in the Society, this Assembly recommends to the Government to take immediate steps so as to provide —<br>(a) necessities of life at reasonable prices ;—<br>(b) free education up to the highest level ;<br>(c) free medical aid ;<br>(d) means of employment for all in the State.<br>This Assembly further recommends to the Government to place before it by the 31st March, 1965 at the latest, a detailed plan indicating the time by which the above mentioned facilities could be provided and the sources from which the expenditure to be incurred thereon would be met". | 20th February, 1964<br>12th March, 1964<br>26th March, 1964<br>2nd April, 1964<br>9th April, 1964 | Resolution under discussion when the House was adjourned. The House was prorogued later on |

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resoutution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Increase in the salaries/ allowances of Class III and Class IV Government employees | "In view of a sharp rise in the prices of essential commodities, this Assembly recommends to the Government to increase with immediate effect the salareies dearness allowance of Class III and class IV Government employees in the State by twenty-five per cent". | 17th September, 1964<br>24th September, 1964 | Resolution under discussion when the House was adjourned. The House was prorogued later on |
| 11 | Abolition of the Punjab Legislative Council | This Assembly resolves that the Punjab Legislative Council be abolished forthwith" | 25th Feburyary, 1965<br>4th March, 1965<br>1st April, 1965 | Lost |
| 12 | Banning use of names of Gurus etc. for commercial purposes | "This Assembly recommends to the Government to approach the Union Government with the request that steps be taken for banning the use of the names of the Gurus, Avtars, Prophets and Saints for professional and commercial purposes without the priorpermission of the Government". | 1st April, 1965 | Carried |
| 13 | Pakistani Aggression | "This House condemns the unprovoked attack by Pakistan and wishes to reiterate the firm determination of the people of India not to be cowed down by force of arms and naked aggression and assures our valiant jawans that the Nation stands behind them and further appeals to the people of the State to keep national interests above every thing else, strengthen national solidarity and be prepared for every sacrifice for the cause of the Nation. The House also pays its heartfelt homage to the martyrs who have laid down their lives for their country against the Pakistani agrgression." | 14th October, 1965<br>21st October, 1965 | Carried |
| 14 | Quiting British Commonwealth | "This House recommends to the Government to draw the attention of the Union Government to the general feeling among the people of the State that in view of the anti-Indian role of the British Government in the recent India-Pakistan conflict, India s ould quit the Commonwealth". | 5th November, 1965<br>19th November, 1965 | Resolution under discussion when the House was adjourned. The House was prorogued later on |
| 15 | Development of Haryana and Hilly areas in the State | "With a view to bring the Hilly areas of Punjab, which are backward, at par with the adjoining areas of the State and the Hariana area at par with the rest of the State in the matter of development, this House recommends to the Government to make plan allocations in such a way that sixty per cent of the plan funds are earmarked for the said Haryana area and the hilly areas". | 17th February, 1966<br>24th February, 1966<br>3rd Mar h, 1966<br>10th March, 1966 | Lost |

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## PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 1969 to 13th June, 1971, when the Sabha was dissolved by the Governor. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume as this information is available in the Resume of the different sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH : KRISHEN SWAROOP,

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The Fifth Punjab Vidhan Sabha which met for the first time on the 13th March, 1969, consisted of 104 members elected from 104 Constituencies. During the period under review, i.e. the 13th March, 1969 and 13th June, 1971 (when the Sabha was dissolved by the Governor), three by-elections were held to fill seats rendered vacant by the deaths of Sardar Lachhman Singh Gill, Sardar Basant Singh (Dakala) and Sant Sadhu Singh.

The Proclamation regarding President's Rule in the State was issued on the 15th June, 1971.

Lt. Col. Joginder Singh Mann, a member of the Fourth Vidhan Sabha who was elected Speaker on the 21st March, 1967 remained as such up to the 13th March, 1969 under the operation of second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution. The Governor appointed Sardar Darbara Singh, a member of the Fifth Vidhan Sabha, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker on the 13th March, 1969 under Article 180 (1) of the Constitution, *vide* his order dated the 13th March, 1969. Subsequently, Sardar Darbara Singh was elected as Speaker on the 14th March, 1969, and on the dissolution of the Assembly on 13th June, 1971, he continued as such under the operation of the second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution.

On the 20th March, 1969, Brigadier Bikarmajit Singh Bajwa, another Member of the Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Deputy Speaker. He resigned from the Deputy Speakership on the 24th July, 1970, but was re-elected as Deputy Speaker on the 28th July, 1970.

During the period under review, the Vidhan Sabha held in all 80 sitt[illegible] spread over 5 sessions as follows :—

| Year | | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1969 | .. | 29 | 13 | 42 |
| 1970 | | 24 | 3 | 27 |
| 1971 | .. | 11 | .. | 11 |

These sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed members of both the Houses assembled together in 1969 and when he addressed the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in 1970 and 1971, the Punjab Legislative Council having been abolished with effect from the 7th January, 1970.

The sittings of the Vidhan Sabha in 1969 were held in the Hall of the Punjab Vidhan Bhavan, Chandigarh, and in 1970 and 1971 too in this very Hall now known as the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhavan, Chandigarh.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESSES

There was one Address of the Governor to the members of the Vidhan Sabha and members of the Vidhan Parishad assembled together in the first session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 1969, and two Addresses of the Governor to the members of the Vidhan Sabha in January, 1970, and January, 1971. Each of these Addresses was discussed on a Motion of Thanks. Particulars about the period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are briefly given below :—

| Year | Period | Amendments |
|---|---|---|
| 1969 | .. 3 days | 7 |
| 1970 | .. 4 days | No notice was received |
| 1971 | .. 3 days | Ditto |

The amendments were moved both by members of the Treasury Benches and the Opposition Party, and these were either lost or withdrawn.

The Motions of Thanks were carried in the form these were moved.

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## LEGISLATION

### I. Official

The Fifth Vidhan Sabha passed 47 Bills, 37 originating in the Vidhan Sabha itself and 10 in the Punjab Vidhan Parishad, the yearwise break-up being as follows :—

| Year | Number of Bill |
|---|---|
| 1969 .. | 30 |
| 1970 .. | [illegible] |
| 1971 .. | 9 |

The number of new Bills was 5, of amending Bills 34 and of Appropriation Bills 8.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of the Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in Appendix I. The Bills received from the Vidhan Parishad are mentioned in Appendix II. For synopsis of these Bills, reference may be made to the Resumes of the different Sessions.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriation of Moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, the respective figures being Rs. 11,36,92,93,980 (inclusive of the sums of Rs. 3,87,03,80,930 on account of Vote on Account for 1969-70 and 1971-72) and Rs. 92,95,18,560.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills except the Appropriation Bills was 249 from the Opposition Party and Groups and 22 from the Treasury Benches.

The notices of the following Bills stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971:

**Official Bills**

1. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1971.

2. The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1971.

3. The Punjab Cattle Fairs (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1971.

4. The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1971.

5. The Talwara Township (Periphery) Control Amendment Bill, 1971.

6. The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Amendment Bill, 1971

**Non-Official Bills**

1. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment and Extension) Bill, 1971—(By Comrades Satyapal Dang, Babu Singh and Dana Ram).

2. The Punjab Payment of Subsistence Allowance Bill, 1971—(By Comrade Satyapal Dang).

3. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1971—(By Shri Manmohan Kalia).

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QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions relating to the sessions of the Sabha held in the years 1969, 1970 and 1971 :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) (a) Total number of notices of Starred Questions received | .. | 3,572 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted | .. | 2,468 |
| (c) Total number of Starred Questions answered orally | .. | 826 |
| (d) Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 (Now Rule 38) | .. | 800 |
| (e) Total number of Starred Questions converted into Unstarred Questions | .. | 485 |

| | |
|---|---|
| (ii) (a) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received | 1,313 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted .. | 951 |
| (c) Total number of Unstarred Questions answered .. | 841 |
| (iii) (a) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received .. | 56 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions admitted | 15 |
| (c) Total number of Short Notice Questions answered .. | 5 |

The yearwise distribution of Questions may be seen in the following Table:—

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supple-mentary Questions | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered | No. of Starred Questions converted into Un-starred Questions | No. of Unstarred Questions given notice of | No. of Unstarred Questions admitted | No. of Unstarred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1969 .. | 1,351 | 1,002 | 387 | 1,951 | 383 | 161 | 495 | 372 | 349 | 36 | 12 | 5 |
| 1970 .. | 1,431 | 1,046 | 340 | 1,787 | 252 | 324 | 469 | 368 | 321 | 14 | 3 | .. |
| 1971 .. | 790 | 420 | 99 | 643 | 165 | .. | 349 | 211 | 171 | 6 | .. | .. |
| Total .. | 3,572 | 2,468 | 826 | 4,381 | 800 | 485 | 1,313 | 951 | 841 | 56 | 15 | 5 |

# RESOLUTIONS

## I. Official

Six official resolutions were discussed during the period 1969—71, the subject-matter of each and the date of its discussion are given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date(s) on which discussed/ carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Adoption of the resolution under Article 252 (1) of the Constitution of India empowering Parliament to make provision for the dissolution of the Punjab Agricultural University in relation to the State of Punjab, for vesting the rights and liabilities of the University so dissolved in the University to be set up and for all other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto | 21-4-1969 |
| 2 | Adoption of the resolution under Article 169(1) of the Constitution of India recommending the abolition of the Punjab Legislative Council .. | 24-4-1969 |
| 3 | Adoption of the resolution paying tributes to the sacred memory of Guru Nanak on the occasion of his 500th Birth Anniversary .. | 24-10-1969 |
| 4 | Adoption of the resolution regarding high appreciation of the services rendered by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi in winning freedom for the motherland, on his first birth centenary .. | 24-10-1969 |
| 5 | Adoption of the resolution recommending to the Government of India to decide the question of Chandigarh and to include it in Punjab .. | 30-10-1969 |
| 6 | Ratification by the Vidhan Sabha of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Twenty-third Amendment) Bill, 1969, as passed by the Houses of Parliament .. | 19-1-1970 |

## II. Non-official

1. The following resolutions were moved by suspending rules 30(3) and 193 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed/ carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adoption of the resolution requesting the State Government to approach the Central Government requesting that Chandigarh and other Punjabi-Speaking Areas be transferred to Punjab, etc. (Moved by Ch. Balbir Singh, M.L.A.) | 19-1-70 |
| 2 | Adoption of the resolution requesting the State Government to approach the Government of India to remove disparity in the matter of allotment of coal wagons to Punjab and other States for brick-kilns, etc. (Moved by Ch. Balbir Singh, M.L.A.) .. | 19-1-71 |

## Non-official Resolutions

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received | .. | 908 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted | .. | 449 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions discussed | .. | 7 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | .. | 1 |
| Total number of Resolutions withdrawn | .. | 2 |
| Total number of Resolutions lost | .. | 1 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision taken but which lapsed | .. | 4 |

The yearwise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as under :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1969 | .. | 261 |
| 1970 | .. | 297 |
| 1971 | .. | 350 |

The number of resolutions discussed was 3 each in 1969 and 1970 and 1 in 1971. These resolutions were discussed on 13 non-official days during the period under review as given below :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1969 | .. | 7 days |
| 1970 | .. | 4 days |
| 1971 | .. | 2 days |

The full particulars regarding each resolution are given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | "This House recommends to the Government to take steps to see that the flat rate charged for electricity consumed by tube-wells in the State is abolished with immediate effect" | 20th March and 3rd and 10th April, 1969 | By leave withdrawn |
| 2 5 | "This House recommends to the Government that land revenue in the State on holding of agricultural land not exceeding 10 acres be abolished." | 10th and 17th April, 1969 | Lapsed on prorogation |
| 3 | "With a view to give land to maximum number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and other landless agricultural labourers in the State including those who may already be owning some land but less than five acres, this House recommends to the Government to take immediate steps to | 23rd and 30th October, 1969 | Lapsed on prorogation |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3—*concld* | suitably amend the existing laws so as to—<br>(i) scale down the ceiling of land holdings from 50 standard acres for refugees and 30 standard acres for others to 20 acres per family for all ;<br>(ii) bring the modern farms, gardens, etc., within the purview of the ceiling of land holdings ;<br>(iii) distribute land declared/found surplus amongst evicted/landless tenants/persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and agricultural labourers and<br>(iv) vest the surplus land in Government till such time as the same is distributed amongst different classes of persons as enumerated in (iii) above" | | |
| 4 | "This House recommends unanimously to the State Government that the Central Government be approached with a request that Chandigarh and other Punjabi-speaking areas be transferred immediately to Punjab and that the Administration of Bhakra Board be restored as it existed in 1966 and that Punjab Government should not enter into any bargain or make any compromise in this connection" | .. | Carried without any discussion |
| 5 | "This House recommends to the Government to approach the Government of India to so amend the Constitution of India as to exclude the right to property as a Fundamental Right." | 26th February, 5th and 12th March, 1970 | Lost |
| 6 | "This House recommends to the Government to raise suitable Memorial/Memorials to perpetuate the memory of late Sardar Darshan Singh Pheruman, who, after a heroic struggle with life lasting not less than 74 days, laid down his precious life securing Chandigarh for Punjab." | 19th March, 1970 | Lapsed on prorogation |
| 7 | "This House recommends to the Government to take steps so that basic needs of every individual in the State are ensured and essential requirements in respect of food, clothing, housing, education and health are provided as soon as possible." | 21st and 28th January, 1971 (Morning Sitting) | Lapsed on dissolution |

### III. Resolution under Article 179(C) of the Constitution regarding the Removal of Speaker

On the 30th March, 1970, notices of three resolutions for the removal of the Speaker from his office under Article 179(C) of the Constitution were received. These were not taken up on that day as these were not in time for that day and these were deemed to have been received on the next day under rule 74 (now rule 67). The House adjourned *sine die* the same day and was subsequently prorogued on 10th April, 1970, when these notices stood lapsed.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of Adjournment Motions received during the period under review was 65 (53 in 1969, 11 in 1970 and 1 in 1971) out of which only 10 were held in order/not disallowed ; 5 out of these were converted into Call Attention Motions and one was converted into Motion Under Rule 84. Out of these 10, two Adjournment Motions were allowed and a day was fixed for discussion but the discussion could not take place on that day. The notices of the Motions were given again and were allowed and discussed. Besides these 10 motions, one was withdrawn and consent in respect of two was withheld which lapsed on the prorogation of the House.

## NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

In all 7 notices of No-Confidence Motions against the Ministry were received.

Two notices were received on the 24th April, 1969, but leave to move was granted to only one as it was identical to the other. It was considered by the House on the 25th April, 1969 and was lost when put to the vote of the House.

Two notices were received on the 11th March, 1970, but these were rendered infructuous the next day on the adoption of motion for the suspension of a part of rule 65 (re-numbered as 58). Another notice was received on the 30th March, 1970, but it was withdrawn by leave of the House by the mover the same day.

Leave to move two notices which were received on the 17th and 21st July, 1970, was refused on the 24th July, 1970.

## CENSURE MOTIONS

In all 4 notices were received during the period under review.

Two notices of no-confidence motions received on the 23rd October, 1969, against Shri Krishan Lal, Minister for Finance and Local Government, were, with the consent of the movers, admitted by the Speaker as censure motions. These were moved and considered by the House on the 5th November, 1969 and were declared lost when put to vote of the House.

One notice received on the 23rd February, 1970, disapproving the conduct of the Chief Minister and other Members of the Council of Ministers lapsed on the prorogation of the House on the 10th April, 1970.

Another notice was received on the 3rd March, 1970, to disapprove the conduct of Jathedar Jiwan Singh Umranangal, Minister of State. This was ruled out of order on the 11th March, 1970.

## CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 73 (NOW RULE 66)

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 604 matters relating to different subjects. The session-wise break-up of these Call Attention Notices is given below:—

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | First (March-April) Session, 1969 | .. | 252 |
| 2 | Second (Autumn) Session, 1969 | .. | *143 |
| 3 | Third (January-March) Session, 1970 | .. | *107 |
| 4 | Fourth (July) Session, 1970 | .. | *29 |
| 5 | Fifth (January) Session, 1971 | .. | 73 |
| | Total | .. | 604 |

*(including Adjournment Motions converted into Call Attention Notices—one in Second, three in Third and one in Fourth Sessions)

*Note.*—For details a reference may be made to the Resumes of different Sessions.

## DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 84 (NOW RULE 77)

In all seven Motions (5 in 1969 and 2 in 1971) as detailed below, were given notice of and admitted under rule 84 (now rule 77) during the period under review:—

| Serial No. | Discussed on | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 11-4-69 | Regarding statement by the Chief Minister about the Ferozepur Jail incident | Discussed |
| 2 | 11-4-69 | Regarding the Ferozepur Jail incident | Do |
| 3 | 17-4-69 | Regarding the decision of the Government of India relating to Food Zone | Do |
| 4 | 17-4-69 | Regarding enlargement of Food Zone and fixation of food prices | Do |
| 5 | 30-10-69 | The situation arising out of the death of Sardar Darshan Singh Pheruman, who laid down his life for the inclusion of Chandigarh etc. in the State of Punjab | Do |

| Serial No. | Discussed on | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | .. | Situation arising out of the demand of the Government employees for the grant of interim relief | Admitted but could not be discussed as the House adjourned *sine die* on 29-1-71. It stood lapsed on the dissolution of the House on 13th June, 1971 |
| 7 | .. | Situation arising out of the short supply of electricity in the State | Ditto |

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of fifty motions seeking to raise questions of Privilege were mentioned in the House : 30 in 1969, 16 in 1970 and 4 in 1971.

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of 27 ; ten were disposed of by the Speaker after making some observations; ruling was reserved by the Speaker in the case of four ; notices lapsed on the prorogation of the House in the case of two and seven were referred to the Committee of Privileges but all of them lapsed on the dissolution of the House. The nature of question in each case and the date on which it was raised are set out below :—

| Serial No. | Nature of Question | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Regarding beating up of Com. Kulwant Singh .. | 17-3-69 |
| 2 | Regarding beating up and hand-cuffing of Com. Kulwant Singh | 17-3-69 |
| 3 | Regarding the alleged pressure used on him (Sardar Bachan Singh Pakho, M.L.A.) to defect to the Akali Party | 21-4-69 |
| 4 | Regarding the threatening behaviour of Sardar Harbhagwan Singh, Ex-M.L.A., in front of the office room of the Chief Minister, Punjab, in the precincts of Punjab Vidhan Sabha | 24-4-69 |
| 5 | Regarding the news item appearing in 'The Daily Hind Samachar, Jullundur' publishing certain particulars about the Report of the Estimates Committee before its presentation to the House | 23-2-70 |
| 6 | Regarding alleged assault by some Members and outsiders on Sardar Umrao Singh in the Chamber of the Vidhan Sabha immediately after the adjournment of the House on 26th March, 1970 | 30-3-70 |
| 7 | Regarding the defamatory comments alleged to have been made by the Editor of Daily 'Jathedar' about Sirdar Kapur Singh's conduct as a Member of the Punjab Assembly | 27-7-70 |

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Three Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :—

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1969-70 | .. Rs 3,34,57,46,030 |
| 1970-71 | .. Rs 4,15,31,67,020 |
| 1971-72 | .. Rs 5,00,11,55,880 |

The two Budgets for 1969-70 and 1970-71 were passed by the Vidhan Sabha and the Budget for 1971-72 was passed by the Parliament as the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved before the Budget could be passed.

The Vote-on-Account, 1969-70 (for 4 months from 1st April to 31st July, 1969) for Rs 1,59,93,74,330 and for 1971-72 (for 3 months from 1st April to 30th June, 1971) for Rs 2,27,10,06,600 were passed on the 26th March, 1969 and 21st January, 1971, respectively.

Four Supplementary Estimates one each for the years 1968-69 and 1970-71 and two for the year 1969-70 were presented and voted for the amounts as mentioned below :—

| Year | Amount | Date on which voted |
|---|---|---|
| 1968-69 | .. Rs 19,75,34,370 | 21st March, 1969 |
| 1969-70 | .. Rs 13,66,97,010 | 3rd November, 1969 |
| | Rs 13,09,06,820 | 2nd March, 1970 |
| 1970-71 | .. Rs 46,43,80,360 | 20th January, 1971 (Afternoon sitting) |

General discussion was held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific demands for grants were taken up for the discussion both in 1969-70 and 1970-71.

*Note.*—For details a reference may be made to the Resumes.

## STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

Two statements were made by the Chief Minister on the Floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. 2. One statement under rule 64 (now rule 57) was made by I.P.M. on the floor of the House. In addition, 276

statements were made in the House/laid on the Table of the House by various Ministers received from the Government in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject-matter of these statements reference may be made to the resume of Sessions held during the years 1969 to 1971.

## FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during this period was 873. The time taken thereon was 173 hours 55 minutes in 5 Sessions with 80 sittings. Out of these speeches 172 were made by Members of the Treasury Benches, excluding Ministers, 89 by Ministers, 612 by Members of Opposition Party and other opposition groups The time taken in each case being 40 hours 2 minutes, 18 hours 38 minutes and 115 hours 15 minutes, respectively.

The yearwise break-up of the above figures is given below :—

| Year | Session | Number of sittings | NUMBER OF SPEECHES BY: Treasury Benches: Members (excluding Ministers) | Treasury Benches: Ministers | Members of Opposition Party/Groups |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1969 .. | I | 29 | 83 | 26 | 173 |
| | II | 13 | 14 | 24 | 151 |
| 1970 .. | III | 24 | 57 | 18 | 128 |
| | IV | 3 | 2 | 8 | 57 |
| 1971 .. | V | 11 | 16 | 13 | 103 |

The figures in the above statement do not include the time taken by the Speaker on his observations/rulings etc., by questions, by discussions on Adjournment Motions, Questions of Privilege, Divisions, Points of order etc.

| TIME TAKEN BY: Treasury Benches: Members (excluding Ministers) | Treasury Benches: Ministers | Opposition Party/ Groups |
|---|---|---|
| Hrs. Mts. | Hrs. Mts. | Hrs. Mts. |
| 19·07 | 6·12 | 37·52 |
| 2·00 | 3·15 | 20·33 |
| 13·20 | 5·16 | 30·40 |
| 0.20 | 0.58 | 6.06 |
| 5.15 | 2.57 | 20.04 |

## WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 33 walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different Groups during this period.

The table below gives the Sessions-wise figures :—

### TABLE

| Year | | 1st Session | 2nd Session | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1969 | .. | 9 | 3 | The entire opposition walked out on 8 occasions (Three in 1st Session, 4 in 3rd Session and 1 in the fourth Session) |
| 1970 | .. | 11 | 2 | |
| 1971 | .. | 8 | .. | |

## DIVISIONS

The total number of divisions (recorded and not recorded) during this period was 15. Separate figures relating to the 'recorded' and 'not recorded, divisions in each Session of the Sabha are given in the statement below :—

### STATEMENT

| Year | | 1st Session | | 2nd Session | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Recorded | Not Recorded | Recorded | Not Recorded |
| 1969 | .. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 1970 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. |
| 1971 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. |

## UNPARLIAMENTARY EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held by the Speaker as unparliamentary/ undesirable. For details reference may be made to the Resume of various sessions.

## COMMITTEES

In 1969, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees :—

1. Business Advisory Committee.
2. Select Committee on Bills.
3. Joint Select Committee on Bills.

4. Committee on Public Accounts.
5. Committee on Estimates.
6. Rules Committee.
7. Committee on Government Assurances.
8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
9. General Purposes Committee.
10. Library Committee.
11. House Committee.
12. Committee of Privileges.
13. Committee on Petitions.

On the 22nd January, 1971, a provision was made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly for the constitution of the Committee on Public Undertakings. Consequent upon the abolition of the Punjab Legislative Council on the 7th January, 1970, the provision regarding Joint Select Committee was also deleted from the Rules on the 22nd January, 1971.

The Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1 and 6 to 13 were nominated by the Speaker and the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 4 and 5 were elected by the House. In addition, the Committee on Public Undertakings was also elected in 1971-72. The Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 2 and 3 were not appointed during the period under review.

On the 25th April, 1969, an *Ad Hoc* Committee to enquire into the matter relating to the entry of Police/outsiders in the House on the 18th March, 1968, was appointed by the House on a motion carried by it.

The Chairmen of the Committees mentioned at serial Nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12 and the Committee on Public Undertakings were appointed by the Speaker and in the case of Committees mentioned at serial Nos. 1, 6 and 9 the Speaker was *Ex-officio* Chairman. The Deputy Speaker was the Chairman of the Committee mentioned at serial Nos. 11 and 13 and the *Ad Hoc* Committee.

The strength of these Committees is given below :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee .. | Speaker and not more than 5 other members. |
| 2. | Select Committee on Bills .. | Not more than 15 members except with the leave of the Assembly in which case not more than 25 members |
| 3. | Joint Select Committee on Bills .. | Unless decided otherwise by two Houses 25 members exclusive of the member in-charge, the Minister of the Department to which the Bill relates and the Advocate-General |
| 4. | Committee on Public Accounts .. | Nine members (M.L.As.) *3 M.L.Cs. |
| 5. | Committee on Estimates .. | Not more than nine members (M.L.As.) *3 M.L.Cs. |
| 6. | Rules Committee .. | Eight members including the Speaker. |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances | Not more than nine members |

*In addition to 9 members elected by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in 1969-70 the Sabha by a motion requested the Punjab Vidhan Parishad to associate 3 members each with these two Committees. The Punjab Vidhan Parishad agreed and nominated the requisite number of members to associate with these committees.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than eight members including the Advocate-General |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee .. | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of the Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised parties and groups and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker |
| 10. | Library Committee .. | Six members |
| 11. | House Committee .. | Deputy Speaker and 4 other members |
| 12. | Committee of Privileges .. | Not more than ten members |
| 13. | Committee on Petitions .. | Deputy Speaker and 4 other members of whom one is a member of the Panel of Chairmen |
| 14. | Committee on Public Undertakings | Nine Members |
| 15. | *Ad Hoc* Committee .. | 5 Members including the Deputy Speaker |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees, yearwise along with the number of Reports presented by each is given in the following statement :—

*Statement showing the number of sittings held by various Committees and the reports presented by them*

| | Number of sittings | | | Number of reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1969-70 | 1970-71 | 1971-72 | |
| 1. Business Advisory Committee .. | 17 | 3 | .. | 13 |
| 2. Rules Committee .. | 2 | 4 | .. | 2 |
| 3. Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 14 | 10 | 5 | 1 (to the Speaker) |
| 4. Committee of Privileges .. | 12 | 14 | 1 | 2 |
| 5. *Ad Hoc* Committee .. | 17 | .. | .. | 1 |
| 6. Committee on Public Undertakings | .. | .. | 4 | .. |
| 7. Committee on Government Assurances | 48 | 34 | 2 | 2 |
| 8. House Committee .. | 5 | 2 | .. | .. |
| 9. Public Accounts Committee .. | 33 | 25 | 4 | 4 (including one report presented to the hon. Speaker on 31st March, 1971) |
| 10. Committee on Petitions .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. |
| 11. Committee on Estimates .. | 59 | 39 | 5 | 2 on Budget Estimates and 3 on Supplementary Estimates |

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Public Accounts Committee for the year 1969-70 completed the scrutiny of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 and the Audit Reports, 1968 and 1969, questionnaire in respect of which was issued by the Committee. The Committee presented its Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Reports on the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1964-65 and 1965-66 and Audit Reports, 1966 and 1967, to the Vidhan Sabha on the 24th February and 25th March, 1970, respectively. The Committee also presented its Twenty-eighth Report on the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 and the Audit Reports, 1968 and 1969, to the Vidhan Sabha on the 25th March, 1970.

During the year 1970-71 the Committee framed questionnaire and examined Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1968-69 and the Audit Report of 1970. The Committee presented its Twenty-ninth Report to the Speaker on the 31st March, 1971, in pursuance of his direction of April, 1968.

The Committee visited Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Mysore and Andhra Pradesh during the period from 15th to 29th March, 1971, to exchange views and to study the working of the Public Accounts Committees of those States.

During the year 1971-72 the Committee examined some paragraphs/notes appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1968-69 and Audit, Report, 1970, which could not be examined by the previous Committee for want of time.

The Committee held its last meeting on the 1st June, 1971, after which it could not meet on account of the dissolution of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971.

The Committee had been appointing an Implementation Sub-Committee from time to time for examining the action taken by Government on its earlier recommendations/observations.

The Committee had also been appointing a Drafting Sub-Committee from time to time which drafted the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Reports which were later adopted by the full Committee. The Sub-Committee also drafted a part of its Report (Thirtieth) in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1968-69 and the Audit Report, 1970 .

## COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

The Committee examined the Budget Estimates and orally examined the representatives of the following Departments :—

*(i) In 1969-70*

(1) Industries Department.

(2) Education Department.

(3) Irrigation Department.

(4) Public Works Department (Buildings & Roads Branch).

(5) Jails Department.

(6) Police Department.

(7) Transport Department.

(ii) In 1970-71 ;

(1) Social Welfare, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department.

(2) Excise & Taxation Department.

(3) Medical and Health Department.

In 1971-72, the Committee selected the following Departments for examination of their Budget Estimates :—

(1) Agriculture Department.

(2) Education Department.

(3) Industries Department.

(4) Police Department.

(5) Advocate-General's Department.

(6) Food & Supplies Department.

(7) Transport Department.

(8) Legal Remembrancer's Department.

But could not frame questionnaire in respect of any of the above-mentioned Departments because of the dissolution of the Assembly on the 13th June, 1971.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the years 1969-70 (1st & 2nd Instalments), 1970-71 and 1971-72 (1st Instalment.)

The Committee presented its report on the Budget Estimates for the year 1969-70 in respect of the Departments mentioned in para (i) above. Besides, it also presented its reports on each instalment of the Supplementary Estimates.

The Committee presented its report on the Budget Estimates for the year 1970-71 in respect of the Departments mentioned in para (ii) above to the Speaker on the 31st March, 1971, in pursuance of his direction dated 2nd April, 1968 and also presented its report on the Supplementary Estimates.

An Implementation Sub-Committee was constituted each year during the period from 1969-70 to 1971-72 (up to the 13th June, 1971) which scrutinized from time to time the action taken by Government on the recommendations and observations, made in the earlier Reports of the Committee.

A Drafting Sub-Committee was also appointed each year during the period from 1969-70 to 1970-71. The reports drafted by the Sub-Committee for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 were adopted by the main Committee.

In 1969-70, the Committee scrutinized the materials relating to the Industries Department, Education Department, Irrigation Department; P. W. D. (B. & R.

Branch); Jails Department; Police Department; Transport Department, Punjab State Electricity Board and General Administration (Civil Secretariat) and framed questionnaires thereon. The Committee visited various districts of the State for an on-the-spot study of the various Works/Schemes in the State.

The Committee exchanged views with the Chairman and the Members of the Estimates Committee of the Lok Sabha about the working of the Committee at Parliament House, New Delhi. The Committee also visited Jammu & Kashmir State and held meetings in order to study the various Developmental Projects in that State.

In 1970-71, the Committee scrutinized the material relating to the Social Welfare, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department, Excise & Taxation Department, Medical and Health Department and General Administration (Civil Secretariat) and framed questionnaires thereon. The Committee visited Amritsar in order to study on the spot the working of the V.J. Hospital, Mental Hospital and After-Care-Home for Girls (Nari Naketan) and Ludhiana to study on the spot the working of the Excise & Taxation Department and the Social Welfare Department.

The Committee visited the States of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Mysore for an on-the-spot study of the developmental activities in the fields of Agriculture, Medical & Health, Power Projects and large/small scale Industries in these States.

The Committee also had the opportunity of meeting the members of the Estimates Committee of Andhra Pradesh, at Sunder Nagar (Himachal Pradesh) and discussed with them various procedural matters relating to the working of the Committee.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

The Committee on Public Undertakings was constituted for the first time on 28th January, 1971. It functioned only up to 13th June, 1971, when the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

During this period the Committee called for material from all the 12 Public Undertakings, which fell within its purview, with a view to examining their working etc. The Committee also orally examined the Administrative Secretary concerned/ representatives of the Punjab Export Corporation, Chandigarh, in respect of Paragraphs/Notes appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1968-69 and the Audit Report, 1970, so far as these related to this Corporation.

It also framed questionnaires in respect of the Punjab Export Corporation and Punjab Financial Corporation.

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

During 1969-70, the Committee —

(i) scrutinized 107 assurances culled out from the debates relating to the Budget Session 1968 and the same were selected for seeking information from Government as to their implementation;

(ii) reviewed the assurances contained in the 12th Report up to Serial No. 510;

(iii) scrutinized 500 replies received from the Government from time to time up to 31st January, 1970 in regard to the implementation of outstanding assurances.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Home, Transport, Irrigation and Power, Education and Industries Departments in respect of assurances pertaining to their respective departments.

The Committee visited New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu and U.P. in the months of December, 1969 and January, 1970 and reviewed some assurances contained in the appendix attached to the 12th Report. The Committee called on the Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha and discussed matters of mutual interest. The Committee also exchanged views with the Speaker and members of the Assurances Committee of the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu Vidhan Sabha in regard to the working of the Committees.

The Committee prepared and finalized its 13th Report on the 10th March, 1970 and presented to the House on the 25th March, 1970.

During the year 1970-71, the Committee scrutinized—

(i) 551 assurances culled out from the debates relating to the Budget and Autumn Sessions, 1969 and 635 relating to Budget and Monsoon Sessions, 1970 out of which 1,182 were selected for seeking information from Government as to their implementation ;

(ii) the replies received from the Government from time to time in regard to the implementation of the outstanding assurances.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Revenue, General Administration, Excise and Taxation, Rehabilitation and Relief and Resettlement, Home, Transport, P.W.D., B.&R. (Public Health), Irrigation, Power and Technical Education, Finance, Industries, Industrial Training, Education, Health and Family Planning, Social Welfare, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and Agriculture Departments in respect of some of the pending assurances pertaining to their respective Departments.

The Committee also scrutinized the statement showing the action taken by the Government on the 14 Non-official Resolutions adopted by erstwhile Pepsu Vidhan Sabha as also the Non-official/Official Resolutions adopted by Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the Budget Session, 1967 and Budget Session, 1969. The Committee made certain observations in regard to the action taken by Government regarding the implementation of 3 Resolutions and noted the action taken in respect of the remaining Resolutions.

The Committee also considered recommendation No. 23 adopted at the Seventh All-India Whips Conference, Madras, regarding the desirability of following uniform procedure in the matter of implementation of assurances prevalent at the Centre and decided to stick to the existing procedure.

The Committee visited various States in the South in October, 1970 and exchanged views with their counterparts in Mysore, Kerala, Maharashtra States and the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu, about matters of common interest.

The Chairman and members of the Committees on Government Assurances of Bihar and Nagaland Vidhan Sabhas visited this State during the months of

October and October-November, 1970 respectively and exchanged views with regard to the scope, function and working of the Committees of their Sabhas and that of this Sabha.

The Committee finalized the draft of the 14th Report on the 15th February, 1971 and in its meeting held on 17th March, 1971, it was decided that the Report be presented to the Speaker for taking further action according to his direction issued in April, 1968. The Report was accordingly presented and circulated.

During the year 1971-72, the Committee scrutinized—

(i) 15 assurances culled out from the debates relating to the Budget and Autumn Sessions, 1970 included in Supplementary statement No. 2 out of which 12 assurances were selected for seeking information from Government as to their implementation.

(ii) replies received from Government regarding implementation of various assurances.

The Committee held its last meeting on the 31st May, 1971 after which it could not meet as the Sabha was dissolved on 13th June, 1971.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period the Committee, apart from allotting accommodation to the Members in the MLAs' Hostels/Flats at Chandigarh for different Sessions, considered the arrangements regarding comforts and convenience of the members during their stay in the Hostels. It also considered certain improvements in the catering arrangements in the MLAs' Hostel Canteen. The members of the House Committee of the Rajya Sabha visited Chandigarh during the year 1970 and exchanged views with the members of House Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha regarding the comforts and convenience provided to the members. The rules regarding allotment of the MLAs' Flats have been framed and notified.

The number of meetings of the House Committee held are given below year-wise up-to-date :—

| Year | | Number of meetings |
|---|---|---|
| 1969-70 | .. | 5 |
| 1970-71 | .. | 2 |
| 1971-72 | .. | .. |

## RULES COMMITTEE

In 1969-70 the Committee examined the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly and suggested certain amendments/ modifications therein.

It presented its First Report to the House on the 19th March, 1970.

In 1970-71 the Committee—

(i) examined the amendments to the First Report of the Rules Committee ;

(ii) examined draft rules relating to the Committee on Public Undertakings and some other rules and made certain suggestions/amendments;

(iii) directed that a revised Report of the Committee be laid on the Table of the House after deleting some recommendations from the First Report and incorporating therein the Rules relating to the Committee on Public Undertakings ; and

(iv) decided to consider the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly one by one after the Session.

It presented its Second Report to the House on the 19th January, 1971.

In 1971-72 the Committee held no meeting till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971.

## BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 1969-70, the Committee made recommendations about the datewise programme, discussion of Demands for Grants and various other items of business before the House. Ten reports of the Committee were presented to the House.

During 1970-71, the Committee made recommendations about the datewise programme and various other items of business before the House. Three reports of the Committee were presented to the House.

In 1971-72 the Committee held no meeting till the dissolution of the House on the 13th June, 1971.

## COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The rules/orders scrutinized by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below yearwise :—

### 1969-70

(1) The Punjab Excise Powers and Appeal Orders, 1956.

(2) The Punjab Intoxicants Licence and Sale Order, 1956.

(3) The Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor) Rules, 1955.

(4) The Punjab Distillery Rules, 1932.

(5) The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation Rules, 1955.

(6) The Punjab Gram Panchayat Rules, 1965.

(7) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963.

(8) The Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Rules, 1959.

The Committee did not present any Report.

### 1970-71

(1) The Punjab Land Revenue (Exemption) Rules, 1970.

(2) The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Rules, 1964.

(3) The Punjab Gram Panchayat Rules, 1965.

The Report (Ninth) of the Committee was presented to Speaker in pursuance of his direction dated 2nd April, 1968.

**1971 (upto dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971.)**

Rules framed under the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act, 1873.

Although the Committee had also selected the following Rules/Orders for scrutiny yet it could not proceed with this work as the Committee ceased to function due to the dissolution of the Assembly on the 13th June, 1971 :—

(1) The Punjab Excise Powers and Appeal Orders, 1956.

(2) The Punjab Intoxicants Licence and Sale Orders, 1956.

(3) The Punjab Distillery Rules, 1932.

(4) The Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor) Rules, 1955.

(5) The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation Rules, 1955.

(6) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963.

(7) The Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Rules, 1959.

(8) Rules framed under the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

(9) Model Bye-laws relating to Central Co-operative Banks.

(10) The Punjab Civil Service Rules (All Volumes)

(11) Rules framed under the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961.

(12) Rules framed under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, 1884.

(13) Education Code.

(14) P.W.D. Code.

## COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

**The following matters were referred to the Committee of Privileges :—**

**1968-69**

Question of privilege regarding handcuffing of Sardar Kulwant Singh, M.L.A., by the Police authorities of Jullundur District while arresting him on the 16th March, 1969. (This question of privilege was raised on the 18th March, 1969 and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker the same day under Rule 285. The Committee presented its Report to the House o the 5th November, 1969. Its consideration started on 6th November, 1969, but was postponed to the next Session by the House.) The House could not resume consideration of the Report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971 when the matter stood lapsed.

## 1969-70

1. Question of privilege regarding the pressure exerted on Sardar Bachan Singh Pakho, M.L.A., by Shri Gurbachan Singh Bahya, D.S.P., and his brother Shri Gurbhagat Singh, Secretary, Market Committee Rampura Phul, to leave the Punjab Congress Party and defect to Akali Dal. (This question of privilege was raised on the 21st April, 1969, and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House the same day. The Committee presented its Report to the House on the 5th November, 1969. On the 6th November, 1969, its consideration was postponed to the next Session by the House). The House could not consider this Report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971 when the matter stood lapsed.

2. Question of privilege regarding the alleged threatening behaviour of Sardar Harbhagwan Singh, Ex-M.L.A., in front of the office room of the Chief Minister, Punjab, in the precincts of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha towards Sardar Trilochan Singh Riyasti, M.L.A. (This question of privilege was raised on the 24th April, 1969, and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House the same day.) The Committee could not answer this reference till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971, when the matter stood lapsed.

3. Question of privilege relating to a news item published in the daily "Hind Samachar" dated 23rd February, 1970, mentioning certain information regarding Report of the Committee on Estimates. (This question of privilege was revised on the 23rd February, 1970 and was referred to Committee of Privileges by the House the same day.) The Committee could not answer this reference till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971, when the matter stood lapsed.

4. Question of privilege relating to the alleged assault on Sardar Umrao Singh, M.L.A., by some Members and outsiders on the 26th March, 1970, in the Chamber of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha after the House was adjourned on that day. (This question of privilege was raised on the 30th March, 1970, and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House the same day). The Committee could not answer this reference till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971, when the matter stood lapsed.

## 1970-71

1. Question of privilege regarding the editorial written by Shri Lalit Mohan appearing in Urdu Daily "Partap" dated 2nd April, 1970, relating to the incidents of 30th March, 1970 casting aspersions on the Speaker. (This question of privilege was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on the 27th July, 970). The Committee could not answer this reference till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971, when the matter stood lapsed.

2. Question of privilege regarding the editorial published in daily "Jathedar" of Jullundur on 26th July, 1970 against the exercise or other-wise of vote by Sardar Kapur Singh, M.L.A., in the Assembly on 24th July, 1970. (This question of privilege was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on the 27th July, 1970). The Committee could not answer this reference till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1970, when the matter stood lapsed.

## 1971-72

No question of privilege was referred to the Committee till the dissolution of the House on the 13th June, 1971 when the Committee ceased to function.

## *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

On a motion carried by it on the 25th April, 1969, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha appointed an *Ad hoc* Committee to enquire into the matter relating to the entry of police/outsiders in the House on the 18th March, 1968, with instructions to report to the House as to what action should be taken against the police officials/outsiders involved in the matter and to check the recurrence of such incidents.

The Committee presented its report to the House on the 25th March, 1970. Before the Report could be considered and adopted by the House, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was dissolved with effect from the 13th June, 1971 and thus this matter stood lapsed.

## COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

As required under the Rules, at the commencement of each Session of the Assembly a Committee on Petitions was constituted during the period under review.

The Committee held one meeting on the 11th August, 1970 and exchanged views with the Members of the Committee on Petitions of Bihar Vidhan Sabha who were on a visit to the Punjab State.

## RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave rulings on or made observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resume for various sessions of the Sabha.

## POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various points of order, reference may be made to the Resume of various sessions.

# APPENDIX I

(For reference, please *see* "Legislation" at page 2 *ante*).

*List of Bills which originated in and were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.*

**First (March-April) Session, 1969**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1969.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1969.
3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1969.
4. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1969.
5. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1969.
6. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1969.
7. The Pepsu Township Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

**Second (Autumn) Session, 1969**

1. The Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
2. The Punjab Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Amendment Bill, 1969.
3. The Punjab State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
4. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
5. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1969.
7. The Punjab School Education Board Bill, 1969.
8. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
9. The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Amendment Bill, 1969.
10. The Punjab Aided Schools (Security of Service) Bill, 1969.
11. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
12. The Punjabi University (Amendment) Bill, 1969.
13. The Guru Nanak University Amritsar Bill, 1969.

**Third (January-March) Session, 1970**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1970 (Bill No. 3-PLA of 1970).
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1970 (Bill No. 8-PLA of 1970).

**Fourth (July) Session, 1970**

1. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1970.

2. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1970.

3. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1970.

4. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 1970.

5. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation Bill, 1970.

6. The Punjabi University (Amendment) Bill, 1970.

**Fifth (January) Session, 1971**

1. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

2. The Punjab Prevention of Beggary Bill, 1971.

3. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

4. The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

5. The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Amendment Bill, 1971.

6. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

7. The Punjab Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1971.

8. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1971.

9. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1971.

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*List of Bills which originated in and were received from Vidhan Parishad and passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.*

**First (March-April) Session, 1969**

1. The Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

2. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Validation Bill, 1969.

**Second (Autumn) Session, 1969**

1. The Pepsu Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Amendment Bill, 1969.

2. The Punjab Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

3. The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1969.

4. The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Amendment Bill, 1969.

5. The Punjab Dramatic Performances (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

6. The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

7. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

8. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1969.

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## During

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form about the business transacted by the Sixth Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 21st March, 1972 to the 30th April, 1977 when the Sabha was dissolved by a Proclamation issued by the President. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the resumes of the different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Sixth Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH : 4th June, 1977.

PARTAP SINGH,
Secretary.

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The Sixth Punjab Vidhan Sabha which met for the first time on the 21st March, 1972, consisted of 104 members elected from 104 constituencies. During its term four bye-elections were held. Three seats were rendered vacant by the deaths of Sarvshri Gian Chand Kharbanda, Satpal Singh Randhawa and Ajaib Singh Sandhu and in the fourth case the election of Shri Jasdev Singh Sandhu was declared void.

Two more seats were also rendered vacant by the deaths of Sarvshri Amir Singh Kalkat and Tara Singh Chheena but these remained unfilled.

Further, six seats again fell vacant consequent upon the resignations of Sarvshri Baldev Prakash, Basant Singh Khalsa, Jagdev Singh Talwandi, Parkash Singh Badal, Surjit Singh Barnala and Dhanna Singh Gulshan from their seats in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on their having been elected as Members of the Lok Sabha in March, 1977.

Originally, the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha were elected for a period of five years but by virtue of Section 30 of the Constitution (Forty Second Amendment) Act, 1976, the term of the Vidhan Sabha was raised to six years. However, the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977 by a Proclamation issued by the President. The Proclamation was, however, revoked on 20th June, 1977 and the New Assembly was constituted the same day after the election held on the 12th June, 1977.

On the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 13th June, 1971, Sardar Darbara Singh a Member of the Fifth Vidhan Sabha who was chosen Speaker on the 14th March 1969 continued as such upto 21st March, 1972 under the operation of the second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution. The Governor, under Article 180(2) of the Constitution appointed Sardar Darbara Singh, who was again elected a member of the Sixth Vidhan Sabha to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178 —*vide* his order, dated the 21st March, 1972. Subsequently Sardar Darbara Singh was chosen as Speaker on the 22nd March, 1972.

Dr. Kewal Krishan another member of the Sixth Vidhan Sabha was chosen as Deputy Speaker on the 28th March, 1972.

Sardar Darbara Singh resigned from the office of the Speaker on 3rd September, 1973. Dr. Kewal Krishan who resigned as Deputy Speaker on 25th September, 1973 was chosen as Speaker on the same day in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sardar Darbara Singh and on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on 30th April, 1977 he continued as such under the operation of the second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution.

In the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Kewal Krishan from the office of Deputy Speaker on 25th September, 1973 Sardar Nasib Singh Gill, another member of the Vidhan Sabha, was chosen as Deputy Speaker on the 28th September, 1973.

During the period under review the Vidhan Sabha held in all 148 sittings spread over 14 sessions as follows :—

| Year | | 1st Session (sittings) | 2nd Session (sittings) | 3rd Session (sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1972 | .. | 28 | 1 | 5 | 34 |
| 1973 | .. | 28 | 4 | .. | 32 |
| 1974 | .. | 16 | 7 | .. | 23 |
| 1975 | .. | 17 | 1 | 4 | 22 |
| 1976 | .. | 18 | 5 | 1 | 24 |
| 1977 | .. | 13 | .. | .. | 13 |
| | | | | Total .. | 148 |

These sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed members of the Sixth Vidhan Sabha during its tenure.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Hall of the Punjab Vidhan Bhavan, Chandigarh.

## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESS

There were six Special Addresses of the Governor to the members of the Vidhan Sabha beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 1972. Each of these Addresses was discussed on Motion of Thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below :—

| Year | | Period | Amendments |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1972 | .. | 4 days | 2 |
| 1973 | .. | 4 days | 4 |
| 1974 | .. | 3 days | 2 |
| 1975 | .. | 3 days | 3 |
| 1976 | .. | 3 days | 7 |
| 1977 | .. | 3 days | 5 |

The amendments were moved by the members of the Opposition and these lost.

The Motions of Thanks were carried in the form these were moved.

# 3. LEGISLATION

## I. Official

The Sixth Vidhan Sabha passed 160 Bills, the yearwise break-up being as follows :—

| Year | | Number of Bills |
|---|---|---|
| 1972 | .. | 22 |
| 1973 | .. | 33 |
| 1974 | .. | 24 |
| 1975 | .. | 31 |
| 1976 | .. | 42 |
| 1977 | .. | 8 |
| Total | .. | 160 |

The number of new Bills was 17, of amending Bills 122 and of Appropriation Bills 21.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of the Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in the Appendix. For synopsis of these Bills, a reference may be made to the Resumes of the different Sessions.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriations of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of Supplementaries, the figures being Rs. 54,82,35,830 for 1971-72 (Supplementary Estimates) ; Rs.6,66,47,71,730 (including Vote on Account for Rs. 2,72,73,67,750) for 1972-73; Rs. 7,77,52,56,704 for 1973-74 ; Rs. 8,58,00,20,000 for 1974-75 ; Rs. 10,19,28,61,070 for 1975-76; Rs. 13,42,10,62,000 for 1976-77 and Rs. 11,45,10,68,000 (including Vote on Account for Rs. 4,91,18,89,000) for 1977-78.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills except the Appropriation Bills, was approximately 386 (273 from the Opposition and 113 from the Treasury Benches).

The notice of only one Bill,—*viz*., the Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill 1977, stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th April, 1977.

## II. Non-Official

Nil.

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## 4. QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions :—

(a) Starred—

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) (a) Total number of notices of Starred Questions received .. | 7,611 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted .. | 3,963 |
| (c) Total number of Starred Questions answered orally .. | 1,265 |
| (d) Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 .. | 1,284 |
| (e) Total number of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions .. | 1,079 |

(b) Unstarred—

| | |
|---|---|
| (ii) (a) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received .. | 1,967 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted .. | 1,189 |
| (c) Total number of Unstarred Questions answered | 1,156 |

(c) Short Notice—

| | |
|---|---|
| (iii) (a) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received .. | 74 |
| (b) Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted | 26 |
| (c) Total number of Short Notice Questions answered | 8 |

The year-wise distribution of Questions may be seen in the following Table :—

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given Notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered orally | No. of Supple-mentary questions asked | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered | No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being starred Questions | No. of Un-starred Questions given notice of | No. of Un-starred questions admitted | No. of Un-starred questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1972 .. | 1,649 | 1,008 | 286 | 1,187 | 212 | 469 | 674 | 489 | 475 | 21 | 10 | 3 |
| 1973 .. | 2,077 | 1,040 | 374 | 1,626 | 382 | 223 | 419 | 194 | 189 | 18 | 8 | 3 |
| 1974 .. | 1,513 | 852 | 141 | 1,059 | 396 | 300 | 326 | 225 | 225 | 12 | 3 | 1 |
| 1975 .. | 915 | 410 | 144 | 882 | 203 | 35 | 182 | 76 | 76 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| 1976 .. | 1,098 | 494 | 232 | 898 | 62 | 50 | 290 | 166 | 158 | 7 | 2 | .. |
| 1977 .. | 359 | 159 | 88 | 481 | 29 | 2 | 76 | 39 | 33 | 4 | 1 | .. |
| Total .. | 7,611 | 3,963 | 1,265 | 6,133 | 1,284 | 1,079 | 1,967 | 1,189 | 1,156 | 74 | 26 | 8 |

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

### I. Official

Twenty four Official Resolutions were discussed and passed during the period under review. The subject matter of each and the date of its discussion are given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Historic victory of the Nation in the Indo-Pakistan War liberating Bangla Desh. .. | 30-3-1972 |
| 2 | Authorising the Parliament to enact law prescribing and regulating ceiling on urban immovable property in the State. .. | 30-3-1972 |
| 3 | Empowering the Parliament under Article 252(1) of the Constitution of India to make law for the protection of wild animals and birds and all matters connected therewith or ancillary and incidental thereto. .. | 8-4-1972 |
| 4 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Twenty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 1971, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 8-4-1972 |
| 5 | Expressing deep anguish at the escalation of war in Vietnam by the occupation forces. .. | 27-4-1972 |
| 6 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Twenty-eighth Amendment) Bill, 1972, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 14-8-1972 |
| 7 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 1972, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 14-12-1972 |
| 8 | Approaching the Government of India to enact necessary legislation to make it obligatory for every legislator to resign the seat if he leaves the party on whose ticket he was elected to join another party. .. | 8-3-1973 |
| 9 | Expressing great concern over the decision of the U. S. Government to resume the supply of arms to the Government of Pakistan. .. | 15-3-1973 |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed ond carried |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | Fixation of the amount of 75 crores of rupees which the Electricity Board may at any time have on loan under sub-section (1) of Section 65 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 .. | 4-4-1973 |
| 11 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirty-first Amendment) Bill, 1973, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 25-9-1973 |
| 12 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirty-second Amendment) Bill, 1973, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 5-3-1974 |
| 13 | Empowering the Parliament under Article 252(1) of the Constitution of India to make provision for the prevention of water pollution and the maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water for the establishment, with a view to carrying out the purposes aforesaid of Water Pollution Prevention Boards for conferring on such Boards functions relating thereto and for matters connected therewith. .. | 14-3-1974 |
| 14 | Empowering the Parliament under Article 252(2) of the Constitution of India to make law for the repeal of the Haryana and Punjab Agricultural Universities Act, 1970 (Act No. 16 of 1970) .. | 16-8-1974 |
| 15 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 1974, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 10-1-1975 |
| 16 | Empowering the Parliament under Article 252(1) of the Constitution of India to make provision for banning of cigarette advertisements and printing of warnings on cigarette packets about the harmful use of cigarette and other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. .. | 3-2-1975 |
| 17 | Resolving that the power to dispose of cases under provisions of Sections 108, 109 and 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, should be vested in the Executive Magistrates. .. | 3-2-1975 |
| 18 | Adoption of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, enacted by the Parliament, by the State of Punjab. .. | 3-2-1975 |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | Ratification of Amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirty-eighth Amendment) Bill, 1975, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 6-5-1975 |
| 20 | Ratification of Amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Thirty-ninth Amendment) Bill, 1975, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 28-7-1975 |
| 21 | Fixation by the State Government of maximum amount of Rs. 100 crores which the Electricitiy Board may at any time have on loan under sub-section (1) of Section 65 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. .. | 30-7-1975 |
| 22 | Ratification of Amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Fortieth Amendment) Bill, 1975, as passed by the Houses of Parliament .. | 9-8-1975 |
| 23 | Recommending the creation of the Punjab Legislative Council. | 29-3-1976 |
| 24 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Forty-fourth Amendment) Bill, 1976, as passed by the Houses of Parliament. .. | 16-11-1976 |

## II. Non-Official

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received | .. | 960 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted | .. | 695 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions discussed | .. | 12 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | .. | 4 |
| Total number of Resolutions withdrawn | .. | 1 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision was taken, and which lapsed | .. | 7 |

The year-wise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as under :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1972 | .. | 160 |
| 1973 | .. | 187 |
| 1974 | .. | 314 |
| 1975 | .. | 142 |
| 1976 | .. | 116 |
| 1977 | .. | 41 |
| Total | .. | 960 |

The number of Resolutions discussed was 4 in 1972, 1 in 1973, 1 in 1974 2 in 1975, 3 in 1976 and 1 in 1977. These resolutions were discussed on 17 non-official days during the period under review as given below:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1972 | .. | 4 |
| 1973 | .. | 4 |
| 1974 | .. | 2 |
| 1975 | .. | 3 |
| 1976 | .. | 3 |
| 1977 | .. | 1 |

The subject matter of each resolution is given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Recommending to the Government to convert into grants the loans given, proposed to be given to the Industrial workers in the State who suffered unemployment as a result of the recent Indo-Pak War. | 6th April and 4th May, 1972 | By leave withdrawn |
| 2. | Recommending to Government, with a view to achieve the ends of Socialism, to take immediate steps for converting the recoverable outstanding arrears of loans advanced to the Backward Classes under House Building Loans Scheme during the period from 1958 to 31st March 1971, in grants. | 4th May, 1972 | Lapsed |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | Recommending to the Government, to approach the Union Government with the request that the three Foreign Oil Companies operating, namely, Burmah-Shel,, ESSO and Caltex be nationalised in the national interest and in the interest of job security of oil workers employed in these companies. | 14th December, 1972 | Carried |
| 4 | Recommending to the Government, to approach the Union Government with the request that immediate steps be taken to so amend the Constitution as to enable the State Government to nationalise education. | 14th December, 1972 | Carried |
| 5 | Recommending to the State Government to approach the Union Government to take steps to so amend the Constitution of India as to give the right to vote to every citizen of India who is not less than 18 years of age. | 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th March, 1973 | Lapsed |
| 6 | Recommending to the State Government in view of the unemployment, poverty and high prices and to achieve Socialism, to allot Fair Price Depots to the unemployed persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes. | 28th February, and 7th March, 1974 | Lapsed |
| 7 | Recommending to the Government— (i) to take steps so as to make NAKABANDI and boycott of Harijans (agricultural Labourers) in the State cognizable offences and to provide deterrent punishment for those who organise, abet or incite the same ; (ii) that special cells be set up so that wherever there is such NAKABANDI and boycott they reach the spot and apprehend the accused ; and (iii) to ensure that such cases are tried expeditiously. | 9th and 16th January, 1975 | Carried |
| 8 | Recommending to the Government to take all possible steps to seek the good offices of Prime Minister of India so that the construction of Thein Dam is sanctioned by the Government of India without any further delav, | 16th and 30th January, 1975 | Carried |
| 9 | Recommending to the Government to take steps to introduce a scheme so as to provide unemployment allowance to the educated unemployed youth, both technical and non-technical in the State. | 22nd January, 1976 | Lapsed |
| 10 | Recommending to the Government to take steps to formulate a scheme for the construction of houses, free of cost for rural wage workers who are being provided free house sites in the State. | 5th February, 1976 | Lapsed |
| 11 | Recommending to the Government in the interest of development of the State and with a view to avoid the loss of skills and talent caused by the migration of some of our ablest students to other countries, to so alter the conditions of work and service in the State as to attract our best men and women. | 9th September, 1976 | Lapsed |
| 12 | Recommending to the Government to take steps so that industrial workers in the State are granted pensions on their retirement on superannuation. | 7th April, 1977 | Lapsed |

## III. Others

Additionally, six Resolutions not falling under the categories of official and non-official Resolutions, were carried. The subject-matter of each of these Resolutions is given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed/carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | That this House expresses its sense of profound pride on the martyrdom of Shaheed Udham Singh, who laid down his life on the altar of Motherland, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for his outstanding role in the liberation of the country. The flame of liberty lit within him by the ghastly event of the bloody massacre at Jallianwala Bagh was nourished by him for over a quarter of a century, which vindicated the self respect and honour of the Nation. His martyrdom greatly inspired our people and shall be source of inspiration for the coming generations.<br><br>The House expresses its deep gratitude to the Government of India and the Punjab Government, who managed to secure the remains of Shaheed Udham Singh from England.<br><br>Hence, the House pays befitting tribute to the great martyr and symbol of liberty, Shaheed Udham Singh on this occasion. | 16th August, 1974 |
| 2. | Expressing sense of pride and happiness at the very great achievement of the Indian Scientists in the form of "Arya Bhatta" the first Satellite India has successfully sent into the space.<br><br>(By suspending the relevant rules) | 6th May, 1975 |
| 3. | Hailing the final victory of the National Liberation Front in South Vietnam and earlier of the Khmer Rouge in Combodia.<br><br>(By suspending the relevant Rules) | 6th May, 1975 |
| 4. | Recommending to the Punjab Government, in view of the strong feelings among the Sikh Community against the law requiring the Sikhs to wear crash helmets in Britain while riding motor cycles/scooters, to approach the Union Government with the request to persuade the British Government to waive off the aforesaid restriction which is against the Sikh faith. | 11th February, 1976 |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed/carried |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 5. | Recommending to the Punjab Government for the creation of a special fund known as Natural Calamities Relief Fund by levying a special cess for giving help to the people of the State affected by natural calamities. (By suspending the relevant Rules) | 9th September, 1976 |
| 6. | Recommending to the State Government that keeping in view the unanimous view of the people of Punjab that the decision of the Government of India in the matter of division of water of Ravi and Beas has done grave injustice to Punjab, the Government of India be approached with the request that the said decision be reviewed with the object of ensuring justice to all. (By suspending the relevant Rules) | 31st March, 1977 |

### IV. Resolutions for the Removal of the Speaker

On the 31st January, 1975, notices of three resolutions for the removal of the Speaker from his office under Article 179(c) of the Constitution were received. One notice was withdrawn and the other two were not pressed by the Members who had given notice.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of adjournment motions received during this period was 176 (18 in 1972; 51 in 1973 ; 62 in 1974 ; 28 in 1975 ; 8 in 1976 and 9 in 1977). Of these ten were converted into Call Attention Notices, on one the Minister concerned was asked to make a statement and in respect of another the Speaker observed that he would be prepared to admit it as a Call Attention Notice or alternatively, notice of the motion on the subject given under Rule 77 could be admitted. All the remaining 164 Adjournment Motions were disallowed but in one case Members were permitted to express their views.

## 7. NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

In all 6 notices of No-Confidence Motions against the Council of Ministers were received, as under :—

(1) Notices of two motions were received on 1-12-1972 but leave to move the same was refused on the 12th December, 1972.

(2) Two notices were received on 1-12-1972 and 7-12-1972 but leave to move the motion was granted to only one as it was identical to the other. It was discussed by the House on the 12th December, 1972 and was lost when put to the vote of the House.

(3) Notice of one motion was received on 3-8-1974 but leave to move it was refused on the 5th August, 1974.

(4) One notice was received on 5-8-1974 and leave to move it was granted on the same day. It was discussed by the House on that day and was lost when put to the vote of the House.

## 8. CENSURE MOTIONS

In all notices of two Censure Motions were received during the period under review.

The notices which were received on the 23rd and 31st January, 1975, seeking to censure the conduct of certain Ministers were disallowed by the Speaker on the 3rd February, 1975 as there was no rule regarding censure motion in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

## 9. CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 484 matters relating to different subjects. The session-wise break up of these Call Attention Notices is given below :—

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | First (Budget) Session, 1972 | .. | 89 |
| 2. | Second (Summer) Session, 1972 | .. | .. |
| 3. | Third (Winter) Session, 1972 | .. | 24 |
| 4. | Fourth (Budget) Session, 1973 | .. | 97 |
| 5. | Fifth (Autumn) Session, 1973 | .. | 37 |
| 6. | Sixth (Budget) Session , 1974 | .. | 71 |
| 7. | Seventh (Monsoon) Session, 1974 | .. | 35 |
| 8. | Eighth (Budget) Session, 1975 | .. | 52 |
| 9. | Ninth (Summer) Session, 1975 | .. | 9 |
| 10. | Tenth (Monsoon) Session, 1975 | .. | .. |
| 11. | Eleventh (Budget) Session, 1976 | .. | 41 |
| 12. | Twelfth (Autumn) Session, 1976 | .. | 8 |
| 13. | Thirteenth (Winter) Session, 1976 | .. | .. |
| 14. | Fourteenth (Budget) Session, 1977 | .. | 21 |
| | Total | .. | 484 |

*Note.*—For details a reference may be made to the Resumes of different Sessions.

## 10. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all 26 notices of Motions under Rule 77 (9 in 1972; 10 in 1973, 5 in 1974 and 2 in 1976) were received, out of which 15 were disallowed and 11 detailed below, were admitted during this period :—

| Serial No. | Discussed on | Subject-matter | Remark |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 30-3-1972 | The problems of the border area districts affected by the recent Indo-Pak War. | Discussed |
| 2. | 14-8-1972 | The situation arising out of unprecedented rise in the prices and heavy power cut in the State. | Discussed |
| 3. | 15-12-1972 | Grave situation arising as a result of the strike of the employees of all the Newspapers published from Jullundur. | Discussed |
| 4. | .. | Implementation in the State of Punjab of the Central Schemes for the grant of plots for houses in the rural area to landless and homeless workers in the Silver Jubilee year of Independence i.e., by the 15th August, 1973. | Admitted but could not be discussed. It stood lapsed on the prorogation of the House on the 27th December, 1972 |
| 5. | .. | Grave situation as a result of continued cut in the supply of electricity and further cut expected in near future. | Ditto |
| 6. | .. | Transfer of evacuee land in urban or rural areas irrigated, banjar or ghair mumkin, which was transferred to Punjab State by the Central Government in 1961-62, to the landless and homeless farm labourers and workers of backward classes at the same rates at which it was purchased by the Punjab Government. | Ditto |
| 7. | .. | Implementation of the concessions for relief, etc., given to the people of the border districts, viz., Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepore. | Ditto |
| 8. | .. | Summary of the findings into Moga Firing | Admitted but could not be discussed. It stood lapsed on the prorogation of the House on the 28th April, 1973 |
| 9. | .. | Government decision to take-over wholesale trade in wheat. | Ditto |
| 10. | 15-3-1974 | Shortage and mal-distribution of Diesel, Fertilizer, etc., in the State. | Discussed |
| 11. | 9-9-1976 | Situation arising out of unprecedented heavy rains in August, 1976 leading to floods in the State and heavy loss of life and property. | Discussed |

## 11. DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Discussion on Special Subjects took place as shown below :—

| Serial No. | Subject-matter | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Annual Accounts for the year 1970-71 and the Annual Administration Report of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1970-71. | 4-4-1973 |
| 2. | Sixth Annual Report of the Punjab Agricultural University for the year 1967-68. | 4-4-1973 |
| 3. | Ninteenth Report of the Commissioner for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1969-70. | 17-4-1973 |
| 4. | Approach to the Fifth Five-Year Plan for the Punjab State. | 19-4-1973 |
| 5. | Twentieth Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1970-71. | 15-3-1974 |
| 6. | Statement made by the Minister of State for Health & Family Planning in the House on the 11th February, 1976 announcing certain measures taken by the Government for popularising Family Planning amongst the Government employees. | 17-2-1976 |
| 7. | Annual Administration Report of the Punjab State Electricity Board for the year 1972-73. | 17-2-1976 |

## 12. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of 126 notices seeking to raise questions of privilege were mentioned in the House, 10 in 1972, 37 in 1973, 35 in 1974, 19 in 1975, 18 in 1976 and 7 in 1977. **One question of privilege was raised by means of a letter addressed to the Speaker, dated 9th July, 1974.

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of 84 ; 33 were disposed of by the Speaker after making some observations; ruling was reserved by the Speaker in the case of 5 ; and notice of one lapsed on the prorogation of the House.

**Referred to the Committee by the Speaker on 30. 7. 1974 under Rule 262.

Four questions were referred to the Committee of Privileges. The nature of question in each case, the dates on which it was raised/referred to the Committee of Privileges and the decision thereon may be seen from the table below :—

| Serial No. | Nature of Question | Date on which raised | Date on which referred to the Committee | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Regarding publishing of a Cartoon in the Daily Partap in its issue dated 6th March, 1974 under the Caption "Assembly Ya Pagalkhana". | 13-3-1974 | 15-3-1974 | The Committee presented its Report on both the privilege issues to the Speaker on the 31st March, 1975. The House could not consider this Report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th April, 1977 when these matters stood lapsed |
| 2. | Regarding the editorial published in the daily Partap, dated 15th March, 1974, under the heading "Yeh Pagalkhana Nahin to Kia Hai". | 15-3-1974 | 15-3-1974 | |
| **3. | Regarding alleged detention of Sardar Dhanna Singh Gulshan, M.L.A. by the District Authorities of Bhatinda on 30th June, 1974. | 9-7-1974 (Through letter) | 30-7-1974 | The Committee presented its Report to the House on the 3rd February, 1975<br><br>The House could not consider this Report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th April, 1977 when the matter stood lapsed |
| 4. | Regarding lowering of the dignity of the House by ten Members of the Akali Party by accusing the Chair, deliberately obstructing the proceedings hurling paper missiles on the Chair and preventing the Speaker from discharging his constitutional duties. | 30-1-1975 | 3-2-1975 | The Report of the Committe which was presented to the House on the 21st January, 1976 was considered on the 22nd January, 1976. However, after the Acting Leader of the Akali Party had given an assurance to the House that there would be no repetition of the incident in future, the matter was dropped by the House after the motion to that effect was carried. |

**Referred to the Committee by the Speaker under Rule 262.

## 13. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Six Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :—

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1972-73 | .. Rs. 6,23,77,03,760 |
| 1973-74 | .. Rs. 7,49,73,28,484 |
| 1974-75 | .. Rs. 8,36,02,48,000 |
| 1975-76 | .. Rs 9,74,68,86,000 |
| 1976-77 | .. Rs. 10,78,79,22,000 |
| 1977-78 | .. Rs. 11,45,10,68,000 |

The Vote-on-Account Budget, 1972-73 (for 3 months, viz., April, May and June, 1972) for Rs. 2,72,73,67,750 and for 1977-78 (for 4 months, viz., April, May, June and July, 1977) for Rs. 4,91,18,89,000 were passed on the 29th March, 1972 (Morning Sitting) and 31st March, 1977, respectively.

Thirteen Supplementary Estimates one for the year 1971-72, four for the year 1972-73, and two each for the years 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 were presented to and voted by the Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :—

| Year | Amount | Date of presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bill passed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1971-72 .. | Rs 54,82,35,830 | 24-3-1972 | 29th March, 1972 |
| 1972-73 .. | Rs 10,11,99,000 | 25-4-1972 | 11th May, 1972 (Atfer-noon Sitting) |
| | Rs 82,60,190 | 14-8-1972 | 14th August, 1972 |
| | Rs 12,10,74,610 | 12-12-1972 | 13th December, 1972 |
| | Rs 19,65,34,170 | 12-3-1973 | 14th March, 1973 |
| 1973-74 .. | Rs 24,73,97,940 | 25-9-1973 | 27th September, 1973 |
| | Rs 3,05,30,280 | 1-3-1974 | 5th March, 1974 |
| 1974-75 .. | Rs 7,33,33,000 | 5-8-1974 | 7th August, 1974 |
| | Rs 14,64,39,000 | 16-1-1975 | 29th January, 1975 |
| 1975-76 .. | Rs 4,02,93,070 | 28-7-1975 | 29th July, 1975 |
| | Rs 40,56,82,000 | 27-1-1976 | 6th February, 1976 |
| 1976-77 .. | Rs 12,34,36,000 | 7-9-1976 | 10th September, 1976 |
| | Rs 2,50,97,04,000 | 30-3-1977 (Morning Sitting) | 30th March, 1977 (Afternoon Sitting) |

General discussion was held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific demands for grants were taken up for discussion in 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78.

*Note.*—For details a reference may be made to the various Resumes.

## 14. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made 45 statements on the floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. Number of statements made by each of them is as follows :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Minister | .. | 29 |
| Finance Minister | .. | 6 |
| Education Minister | .. | 4 |
| Revenue Minister | .. | 2 |
| Development Minister | .. | 2 |
| Health and Family Planning Minister | .. | 1 |
| Food & Civil Supplies Minister | .. | 1 |
| | | 45 |

In addition, 332 statements were made in the House/laid on the Table of the House by various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these statements, a reference may be made to the Resumes of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 15. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

During this period notices of four substantive motions were received (three in the Budget Session, 1973 and one in the Budget Session, 1975).

Out of the three received in 1973, one was withdrawn after the member concerned expressed regrets and another was dropped after the member concerned tendered an apology to the House. The third one given notice of by the Education and Revenue Minister on the 18th April, 1973, was carried.

The notice of motion received in 1975 was disallowed by the Speaker.

For the subject matter of substantive motions, a reference may be made to the Resumes of the Budget Sessions, 1973 and 1975.

## 16. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review was 1,983, the time taken thereon was 395 hours 31 minutes in 14 sessions with 148 sittings. Out of these speeches, 814 were made by the members of the Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 350 by Ministers, 365 by the Opposition Party (Sant Akali Dal) and 454 by other Opposition Groups including C.P.I., C.P.I.(M), Jan Sangh, C.F.D. and Independents ; the time taken in each case being 159 hours 26 minutes ; 72 hours 28 minutes ; 80 hours 51 minutes ; and 82 hours 26 minutes, respectively.

The year-wise break-up of the above figures is given in the statement below :—

STATEMEN

| Year | Session | No. of sittings | NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE BY: Treasury Benches: Members (excluding Ministers) | Ministers | S.A.D. | *Other Parties including C.P.I., C.P.I.(M), Jan Sangh and Independents/ C.F.D. | TIME TAKEN: Treasury Benches: Members (excluding Minister) | Ministers | S.A.D. | *Other Parties including C.P.I., C.P.I. (M), Jan Sangh, and Independents/ C.F.D. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | H. M. | H. M. | H. M. | H. M. |
| 1972 .. | I ... | 28 | 145 | 37 | 65 | 65 | 36 31 | 8 52 | 18 35 | 13 04 |
| | II .. | 1 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 1 24 | 1 10 | 0 43 | 1 9 |
| | III .. | 5 | 25 | 17 | 28 | 31 | 4 02 | 3 20 | 4 13 | 3 33 |
| 1973 .. | IV .. | 28 | 189 | 68 | 86 | 74 | 36 52 | 15 23 | 16 30 | 13 50 |
| | V .. | 4 | 26 | 16 | 14 | 10 | 5 20 | 2 33 | 3 05 | 2 07 |
| 1974 .. | VI .. | 16 | 51 | 19 | 30 | 32 | 13 46 | 6 32 | 10 33 | 8 20 |
| | VII .. | 7 | 33 | 16 | 20 | 25 | 5 53 | 3 50 | 4 52 | 4 11 |
| 1975 .. | VIII .. | 17 | 61 | 23 | 27 | 39 | 13 17 | 5 38 | 7 15 | 6 03 |
| | IX .. | 1 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 0 37 | 1 29 | 0 47 | 1 15 |
| | X .. | 4 | 30 | 30 | 34 | 27 | 2 42 | 4 03 | 4 00 | 3 58 |
| 1976 .. | XI .. | 18 | 133 | 56 | 15 | 74 | 22 14 | 8 36 | 1 56 | 12 58 |
| | XII .. | 5 | 51 | 19 | 2 | 18 | 5 08 | 2 34 | 0 12 | 3 13 |
| 1977 .. | XIII .. | 1 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 12 | 1 00 | 0 14 | 1 24 |
| | XIV .. | 13 | 41 | 27 | 27 | 34 | 9 28 | 7 28 | 7 56 | 7 41 |
| | Total .. | 148 | 814 | 350 | 365 | 454 | 159 26 | 72 28 | 80 51 | 82 46 |

*There were three Independent members in 1972 and three Member sbelonging to Congress for Democracy Party in 1977.

The figures in the above statement do not include the time taken by the Speaker on his observations/rulings, etc., by Questions, by discussion on adjournment motions, questions of privilege, divisions, points of order, etc. etc.

## 17. WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 93 walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different groups during this period. The table below gives the session-wise figures :—

| Year | | 1st Session | 2nd Session | 3rd Session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1972 | .. | 9 | 2 | 4 | 15 |
| 1973 | .. | 22 | 8 | .. | 30 |
| 1974 | .. | 11 | 9 | .. | 20 |
| 1975 | .. | 10 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| 1976 | .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 1977 | .. | 10 | .. | .. | 10 |
| | | | | | 93 |

## 18. DIVISIONS

The total number of divisions (recorded and not recorded) during this period was 23. Separate figures relating to the 'recorded' and 'not-recorded' divisions in each Session of the Sabha are given in the statement below :—

**Statement**

| | | **1st Session** | | **II Session** | | **III Session** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | | Recorded | Not-recorded | Recorded | Not-recorded | Recorded | Not-recorded |
| **1972** | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 |
| **1973** | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| **1974** | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | .. |
| **1975** | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| **1976** | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. |
| **1977** | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## 19. UNPARLIAMENTARY/UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held by the Speaker as Unparliamentary/ Undesirable. For details, reference may be made to the Resumes of various Sessions.

## 20. COMMITTEES

In 1972, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees :—

1. Business Advisory Committee.
2. Select Committee on Bills.
3. Committee on Public Accounts.
4. Committee on Estimates.
5. Committee on Public Undertakings.
6. Rules Committee.
7. Committee of Privileges.
8. Committee on Government Assurances.
9. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
10. General Purposes Committee.
11. Library Committee
12. House Committee.
13. Committee on Petitions.

The Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes consisting of nine members was elected for the first time on the 30th March, 1973 on a motion passed by Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 21st March, 1973. The Members of the Committee were elected according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote. Its tenure was upto the 31st March, 1974. During 1974-75, the Committee was again constituted on a motion adopted by the House on the 15th March, 1974 consisting of nine members but its nomenclature was changed to 'Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes'. Its term of office was upto 31st March, 1975. During the year 1975-76 the Committee was again constituted on a motion adopted by the House on the 31st January, 1975 consisting of nine members but its nomenclature was further changed to 'Committee on Weltare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes'.

In the meantime a provision for the constitution of this Committee on permanent basis was made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha,—*vide* gazette notification, dated the 4th February, 1975.

The Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1 and 6 to 13 were nominated by the Speaker and the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 3 to 5 were elected by the House during the period under review. In addition, the Committee on the Welfare ot Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes were also elected in 1976-77 and 1977-78. The Committee mentioned at Serial No. 2 was appointed by the Vidhan Sabha in 1972-73 and 1975-76.

The Chairmen of the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13 and the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes were appointed by the Speaker and in the case of Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 6 and 10 the Speaker was ex-officio Chairman. The Deputy Speaker was the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee mentioned at Serial No. 12.

The strength of these Committees is given below :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee.. .. | Speaker and not more than five other members |
| 2. | Select Committee on Bills .. | Not more than 15 members except with the leave of the Assembly in which case not more than 25 members. |
| 3. | Committee on Public Accounts .. | Nine Members. |
| 4. | Committee on Estimates .. | Not more than nine members. |
| 5. | Committee on Public Undertakings | Nine Members. |
| 6. | Rules Committee .. | Eight members including the Speaker. |
| 7. | Committee of Privileges .. | Not more than ten members. |
| 8. | Committee on Government Assurances | Not more than nine members. |
| 9. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than eight members including the Advocate-General. |
| 10. | General Purposes Committee .. | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of the Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised parties and groups in the Vidhan Sabha and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker. |
| 11. | Library Committee .. | Six members. |
| 12. | House Committee .. | Deputy Speaker and 4 other members. |
| 13. | Committee on Petitions .. | Not more than nine members. |
| 14. | Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | Not more than nine members. |

Quorum.

15. Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the table of [illegible]

The total number of meetings held by various Committees year-wise along-with the number of reports presented by each is given in the following statement :—

**Statement showing the number of sittings held by various Committees and the reports presented by them**

| | Number of sittings | | | | | | Number of reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1977-78 | |
| 1. Business Advisory Committee | 16 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 32 |
| 2. Rules Committee .. | 4 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 5 | .. | 4 |
| 3. Committee of Privileges .. | 1 | .. | 47 | 20 | 3 | .. | 3 |
| 4. Select Committee .. | 7 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 |
| 5. Public Accounts Committee .. | 30 | 58 | 56 | 45 | 47 | 1 | 5 |
| 6. Committee on Estimates .. | 32 | 63 | 49 | 36 | 64 | 2 | 22 |
| 7. Public Undertakings Committee .. | 44 | 52 | 41 | 59 | 73 | .. | 17 |
| 8. Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes .. | .. | 54 | 56 | 54 | 76 | Nil | 5 |
| 9. Library Committee | 29 | 40 | 45 | 49 | 40 | Nil | Nil |
| 10. Committee on Government Assurances .. | 27 | 60 | 54 | 43 | 66 | 1 | 5 |
| 11. Committee on Subordinate Legislation .. | 58 | 78 | 42 | 48 | 45 | — | 7 |
| 12. House Committee .. | 12 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 7 | .. | Nil |
| 13. Committee on Petitions .. | 1 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 3 | .. | 1 |
| 14. General Purposes Committee | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | Nil |

## 21. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78, the Committee made recommendations about the date-wise programme, discussion of Demands for Grants and various other items of business before the House and presented to the House thirteen, three, six, five, four and one reports, respectively.

## 22. SELECT COMMITTEE ON BILLS

### 1972-73

The Punjab Urban Property (Ceiling) Bill, 1972 was referred to a Select Committee by the Vidhan Sabha on the 15th December, 1972. The Select Committee consisted of 15 members including the Minister-in-charge and the Advocate General. The Committee held seven sittings. The Committee twice sought, through preliminary reports, extension of time for the presentation of its report.

It presented its report to the Vidhan Sabha on the 16th April, 1973.

### 1975-76

The Punjab Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Development (Amendment) Bill, 1975 was referred to the Select Committee by the Vidhan Sabha on the 31st January, 1975. The Select Committee consisted of 15 members including the Minister-in-charge and the Advocate-General. The Committee held two sittings and presented the Report to the House on the 6th May, 1975.

## 23. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

A. (i) The Committee for the year 1972-73 completed the examination in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1968-69 and Audit Report 1970, questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the Committee for the previous year. The Committee presented its Report (Thirtieth) on these Accounts and Audit Report to the Vidhan Sabha on the 22nd March, 1973.

Besides, the Committee completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71.

A Sub-Committee consisting of five members visited Devigarh (Patiala) to make on the spot study of Ghaggar Regulator.

(ii) During 1973-74, the Committee completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the Reports of the Comprtoller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and presented its Report (Thirty-first) on the aforementioned Accounts and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General ot India on the 12th March, 1974.

The Committee also visited Maharashtra, Goa, Daman-Diu, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka States.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1974-75 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts ot the Punjab Government for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the Reports ot the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and presented its Report (Thirty-second) on the aforementioned Accounts and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India on the 29th January, 1975.

(iv) During the year 1975-76, the Committee completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts ot the Punjab Government for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1969 -70 and 1970- 71, questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the Committee for the previous

years. The Committee presented its Report (Thirty-third) on these Accounts, and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India on the 6th February 1976.

Besides, the Committee completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1971-72 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the year 1971-72.

(v) The Committee for the year 1976-77 completed the examination in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and presented its Report (Thirty-fourth) on the aforementioned Accounts and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India on the 31st March, 1977.

Besides, the Committee completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1971-72 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the year 1971-72.

(vi) The Committee for the year 1977-78 was elected by the House on 8th April, 1977 but could hold only one meeting on the 29th April, 1977 before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

B. The Committee had been appointing an Implementation Sub-Committee from time to time for examining the action taken by Government on its earlier recommendations/observations.

The Committee had also been appointing a Drafting Sub-Committee from time to time which drafted the thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third reports which were later adopted by the full Committee. Thirty-fourth report was drafted by the Committee itself.

**Internal Working Rules**

The Committee for the year 1976-77, with the approval of the Speaker framed its Internal Working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

## 24. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) During 1972-73 the Committee examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

(1) Police Department ;
(2) Industries Department ; and
(3) Education Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1972-73, (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Instalments).

During this year the Committee also appointed two Sub-Committees, namely Implementation-Sub-Committee for scrutinizing the action taken on the recommendations/Observations contained in its various Reports and (ii) Drafting-Sub-Committee for drafting reports for consideration and approval by the whole Committee.

During this period the Committee visited Jammu and Kashmir State tostudy the various Developmental Projects etc., in that State and to hold discussions with the Estimates Committee of that State on the scope and functions of the Committee. During this year the Committee on Estimates of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee and also held discussions with officers of the State Government in regard to developmental activities in Punjab.

(ii) During 1973-74, the Committee examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

(1) Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch) ;

(2) Transport Department ; and

(3) Medical and Health Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1973-74 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

During this period the Committee also appointed two Sub-Committees namely Implementation-Sub-Committee for scrutinizing the action taken on the recommendations/observations contained in its various Reports and (ii) Drafting-Sub-Committee for drafting reports for consideration and approval by the whole Committee.

During this year, the Committee visited the States of Maharashtra, Goa, Diu Daman, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and held discussions with the Committee on Estimates in those States about the scope and functions of the Committee. The Committee also visited developmental Projects and Schemes in those States. The Committee also visited Pathankot, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Hoshiarpur and Jullundur Districts to make on the spot study of works/schemes of the P.W.D. (B. & R. Branch), Transport and Medical and Health Departments.

(iii) During 1974-75 the Committee examined the Budget Estimates of the Excise and Taxation Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1974-75 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

During this year, the Committee also appointed two Sub-Committees namely, Implementation-Sub-Committee for scrutinizing the action taken on the recommendations/observations contained in its various Reports and (ii) Drafting-Sub-Committee for drafting reports for consideration and approval by the whole Committee.

During this period, the Committee visited Jammu and Kashmir State and held meetings with the Committee on Estimates of that State Legislature on the scope and functions of the Committee. The Punjab Committee also held meetings with the Committee on Estimates of the Lok Sabha at New Delhi.

(iv) In 1975-76, the Committee examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

(1) Health and Family Planning Department (Portion relating to Employees State Insurance Scheme only) ;

(2) Social Welfare Department ;

(3) Labour Department ; and

(4) Employment Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1975-76 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

During this year, the Committee also appointed two Sub-Committees, namely, Implementation-Sub-Committee for scrutinizing the action taken on the recommendations/observations contained in its various Reports and (ii) Drafting-Sub-Committee for drafting reports for consideration and approval by the whole Committee.

During this period, the Committee visited Hospitals being run under the Employees State Insurance Scheme at Amritsar, Ludhiana, Mandi Gobindgarh and Rajpura, studied on-the-spot the working of the Institutions being run by the Social Welfare Department at Amritsar, Ludhiana and Rajpura and also made on-the-spot study of the sanitary conditions prevailing in the Labour Colony at Mandi Gobindgarh.

(v) In 1976-77, the Committee examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

(1) Transport Department ;

(2) Local Government Department ; and

(3) Education Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1976-77 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during this period.

During this year, the Committee visited Ferozepur and Jullundur for on-the-spot study.

(vi) The Committee for 1977-78 elected on the 8th April, 1977 could hold only two meetings on the 28th and 29th April, 1977 before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on 30th April, 1977.

25. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for 1972-73 examined the general working of the following Public Undertakings and presented its First Report thereon :

(1) The Punjab State Electricity Board.

(2) The Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation.

(3) The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

(4) The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation.

(5) The Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

Besides, the Committee examined the audit paras appearing in the Audit Report for the year 1968-69 and Reports of Comptroller and Auditor General for the year 1969-70 and 1970-71 relating to the Public Undertakings of the Punjab Government and presented its Second Report to the Vidhan Sabha.

(ii) The Committee for 1973-74 examined the general working of the following Public Undertakings and presented its Reports (i.e. Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh) thereon :—

1. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.
2. The Punjab State Small Industries Corporation.
3. The Punjab State Tubewell Corporation.
4. The Punjab Poultry Corporation, Ltd.
5. The Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.
6. The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation.
7. The Punjab State Electricity Board.
8. The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its allied units.

Besides, the Committee examined the audit paras appearing in the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General for the year 1970-71 and Audit Report 1970 relating to the Public Undertakings of the Punjab Government and presented its Report (i.e. Sixth) thereon.

(iii) The Committee for 1974-75 examined the general working of the following Public Undertakings and presented its Reports (i.e. Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth) thereon :—

1. The Punjab Film and News Corporation.
2. The Punjab Financial Corporation.
3. The Punjab Housing Development Board.
4. The Land Development and Seed Corporation, Ltd.
5. The Punjab Export Corporation, Ltd.
6. The Punjab State Electricity Board (Portion relating to the Guru Nanak Thermal Plant, Bhatinda).

(*iv*) The Committee for 1975-76 examined the general working of the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation. However, the Committee presented its Report (i.e. Fifteenth) on the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation only.

Besides, the Committee examined the audit paras appearing in the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General for the year 1971-72 relating to the Public Undertakings of the Punjab Government and presented its Report (i.e. Fourteenth) thereon.

(*v*) The Committee for 1976-77 examined the general working of the Punjab Dairy Development Corporation and presented its Report (i.e. Sixteenth) thereon.

Besides, the Committee examined the audit paras appearing in the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General for the year 1972-73 relating to the Public Undertakings of the Punjab Government and presented its Report (i.e. Seventeenth) thereon.

(*vi*) The Committee for 1977-78, elected on the 8th April, 1977 could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

During the year 1972-73, the Committee visited the States of Gujrat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu, during the year 1973-74 the Committee visited the Southern States of Madras, Kerala and Karnataka and during 1976-77 the Committee visited Goa and Bombay.

The Committee also appointed an Implementation Sub-Committee from time to time for examining the action taken by Government on its earlier recommendations/observations.

The Committee also appointed a Drafting Sub-Committee from time to time to draft its Report(s).

## 26. RULES COMMITTEE

(*i*) The Committee for 1972-73 examined the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) and suggested certain amendments/modifications therein.

Its First Report was laid on the Table of the House on the 26th March, 1973

(*ii*) The Committee for 1973-74 held one meeting but no amendments/ modifications were suggested in the Rules of Procedure.

(*iii*) The Committee for 1974-75 examined draft rules relating to the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes and some other rules and made certain suggestions/amendments.

Its Report (i.e. Second) was laid on the Table of the House on the 29th January, 1975.

(*iv*) The Committee for 1975-76 considered the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) and suggested certain modifications/amendments therein. Its Report (i.e., Third) was laid on the Table of the House on the 21st January, 1976. To some of its recommendations certain amendments were proposed which were examined by the Committee. The Committee decided that the amendments as recommended/ proposed in its Third Report shall stand as before.

Its Report (i.e. Fourth) was laid on the Table of the House on the 10th February, 1976.

(*v*) The Committee for 1976-77 examined the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) and suggested certain modifications/amendments therein.

The Committee also approved for inclusion in the Rules *ibid* the rules regarding procedure for dealing with the resolutions for the ratification of amendments to the Constitution.

It, however, did not prepare its report for being laid on the Table of the House.

The Committee for 1977-78, nominated on the 18th April, 1977, could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

## 27. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The following matters were referred to the Committee of Privileges :—

### 1972-73 and 1973-74

No question of privilege was referred to the Committee during this period.

### 1974-75

1. A question of privilege, regarding publication of a cartoon under the Caption "Assembly Ya Pagal Khana" in the Daily 'Partap' in its issue dated the 7th March, 1974, thereby casting aspersions on the Members of the House in the most undignified manner, was raised on the 13th March, 1974, and referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House on the 15th March, 1974.

2. Another question of privilege regarding publication of an editorial by Shri Virendra in the Daily "Partap" in its issue dated the 15th March, 1974, referring emphatically and categorically to the House as "Yeh Pagal Khanna Nahin to Kia Hai "thus insulting the House, was raised on the 15th March, 1974 and referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House the same day.

The Committee presented its report on both the privilege issues to the Speaker on the 31st March, 1975.

The House could not consider this report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th April, 1977, when these matters stood lapsed.

3. The matter regarding alleged detention of Sardar Dhanna Singh Gulshan M.L.A., by the District Authorities of Bhatinda on 30th June, 1974, was brought to the notice of the Speaker by the Member concerned on the 9th July, 1974 who referred this question of privilege to the Committee of Privileges on the 30th July, 1974, under rule 262. The Committee presented its report to the House on the 3rd February, 1975.

The House could not consider this report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th April, 1977, when the matter stood lapsed.

### 1975-76

The Question of Privilege regarding an attempt made by some Akali Members on 29th January, 1975 to prevent the Speaker from discharging his Constitutional duties in the House was raised on the 30th January, 1975 and referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House on the 3rd February, 1975. The Committee presented its report to the House on the 21st January, 1976.

The report was considered by the House on the 22nd January, 1976. The matter was dropped by the House after a motion moved by Capt. Rattan Singh, M.L.A., to this effect having been carried.

### 1976-77

No question of privilege was referred to the Committee during this period.

## 1977-78

The Committee for 1977-78, nominated on the 18th April, 1977, could not hold any meeting before the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

### Internal Working Rules

The Committee for the year 1975-76, with the approval of the Speaker framed its Internal working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

## 28. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

(i) The Committee for 1972-73 (a) scrutinized the assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the House during the Budget Session and Monsoon Session, 1970 and Budget Session, 1971 and (b) scrutinized the replies, etc., in respect of 1,284 Assurances contained in its 14th Report.

The Committee also scrutinized the statement showing the action taken by the Government on the Official/Non-Official Resolutions passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its Budget Session, 1971 and Monsoon Session, 1972 and noted the action taken thereon.

The Committee also considered a communication dated 8th June, 1972 received from the Education and Revenue Minister regarding culling out of assurances by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs as per recommendations adopted at the Seventh All India Whips Conference held at Madras in 1969, and made some observations which were conveyed to him. Again, he sent another letter dated the 1st February, 1973 and the Committee left the matter to be reconsidered and decided by the successor Committee after collection of some data.

The Committee on Government Assurances of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly visited the State during October, 1972, and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee . The Committee orally examined the representatives of the six Departments in respect of some of the pending assurances pertaining to those departments.

The Committee appointed two Sub-Committees—the Implementation Sub-Committee and the Drafting Sub-Committee.

(ii) The Committee for 1973-74(a) scrutinized the assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the House during the Budget, Monsoon and Winter Sessions, 1972 and the Budget Session, 1973 and (b) scrutinized replies etc., in respect of some of the assurances contained in its 15th Report.

The Committee scrutinized the statements showing the action taken by the Government on the official/non-Official Resolutions passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its Winter Session, 1972 and Budget Session, 1973 and noted the action taken thereon.

The Committee reconsidered the communication dated the 1st February, 1973 received from the Minister-in-charge of Parliamentary Affairs regarding culling out of Assurances by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs as per recommendations of 7th and 8th All India Whips' Conference, and made some observations.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of eleven Departments in respect of some of the pending assurances pertaining to those Departments.

(iii) The Committee for 1974-75 (a) scrutinised the assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the House during Autumn Session, 1973 and (b) scrutinised replies etc., in respect of some of the assurances contained in its 16th Report.

The Committee considered the matter regarding culling out of assurances, undertakings/promises from the Address delivered by the Governor under Article 176(1) of the Constitution with reference to the decision of the Committee contained in its 5th Report for the year 1959-60 in pursuance of a letter, dated 9th/13th November, 1973 received from the Minister-in-charge of Parliamentary Affairs and made some observations.

The Committee also considered a letter received from the Minister-in-charge of the Parliamentary Affairs in November 1973, regarding culling out of assurances by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs as per recommendation adopted at the Eighth All India Whips Confernece and made some observations.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of eight Departments in respect of some of the pending assurances pertaining to those Departmens.

The Committee visited Simla in the month of May, 1974 and met the Committee on Government Assurances of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha and exchanged views with it.

(iv) The Committee for 1975-76 (a) scrutinized the assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the House during Budget and Monsoon Sessions, 1974, Budget, Summer and Monsoon Sessions, 1975, and (b) scrutinised the replies etc., in respect of some of the assurances contained in its 16th Report, Budget and Monsoon Sessions of 1974 and some assurances of the Budget Session, 1975.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of ten Departments in respect of some of the pending assurances pertaining to those departments.

The Committee on Government Assurances of Assam Legislative Assembly visited the State during the month of April, 1975 and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee.

The Committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of its Chairman. The Sub-Commmittee scrutinized the Assurances relating to the period prior to 1972 contained in the 16th Report and prepared its Report which was considered and approved by the Committee on the 18th September, 1975. The Committee drafted its Internal Working Rules on 11th December, 1975 which were approved by the Speaker on 9th January, 1976.

(v) The Committee for 1976-77 (a) scrutinized the assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the House during the Budget Session, 1976 and Supplementary statement of assurances pertaining to different Sessions (b) scrutinised interim replies/replies to further observations etc., in respect of some of the assurances contained in the 18th Report, Assurances of the Budget, Summer and Monsoon Sessions, 1975 and Supplemenary Statements, and (c) scrutinised the statement showing the action taken by the Government on the twelve official and one non-official resolutions passed by the Vidhan Sabha during its Autumn Session, 1973 to Budget Session, 1976 and noted the action taken thereon.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of twenty-one departments in respect of some of the pending assurances pertaining to those departments.

(vi) The Committee for 1977-78, nominated on 18th April, 1977, could hold only one meeting on the 29th April, 1977, before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

**Internal Working Rules**

The Committee for the year 1975-76 with the approval of the Speaker, framed its Internal Working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. (Punjab Legislative Assembly)

## 29. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The rules scrutinised by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below yearwise :—

1972-73

**(10th Report)**

(i) The Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Rules, 1959, framed under the Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Act, 1957.

(ii) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963, framed under the Punjab Co-operative Societies Act, 1961.

(iii) The Industrial Disputes (Punjab) Rules, 1958, framed under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

**(11th Report)**

(i) The Punjab Minimum Wages Rules, 1950, framed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(ii) Model Bye-laws of the Central Co-operative Banks Ltd., framed under the Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963.

1973-74

**(12th Report)**

(i) The Punjab State Electricity Board Regulations of Business, 1960, framed under section 79 (k) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(ii) The Punjab State Electricity Board (Conduct of Meetings) Regulations, 1959, framed under Section 79(b) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(iii) The Punjab State Electricity Board (Administration of Funds and Property) Regulations, 1960, framed under clause (a) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(iv) The Punjab State Electricity Board Accounts and General Services Regulations, 1972, framed under clause (c) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(v) The Punjab State Electricity Board (Class IV) Service Regulations, 1968, framed under clause (c) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(vi) The Punjab State Electricity Board Employees Conduct Regulations, 1971, framed under clause (c) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(vii) The Punjab State Electricity Board Service of Engineers (Civil) Recruitment Regulations, 1965, framed under clause (c) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(viii) The Punjab State Electricity Board Service of Engineers (Electrical) Regulations, 1965, framed under clause (c) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(ix) The Punjab State Electricity Board Employees (Punishment and Appeal) Regulations, 1971, framed under clause (c) of section 79 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(x) The Punjab State Electricity Board (Chairman's Powers) Rules, 1959, framed under section 78 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(xi) The Punjab State Electricity Board Rules, 1959, framed under section 78 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

(xii) The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab Rules, 1949, framed under the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

(xiii) The Punjab Utilization of Surplus Area Scheme, 1973, framed under the Punjab Land Reforms Act, 1972.

(xiv) The Punjab State Faculty of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine Rules, 1973, framed under the Punjab State Faculty of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of Medicine Act, 1963.

(xv) The Payment of Gratuity (Punjab) Rules, 1973, framed under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

(xvi) The Punjab Dramatic Performances Rules, 1965, framed under the Punjab Dramatic Performances Act, 1964.

1974-75

**(13th Report)**

(i) The Punjab Aided Schools (Security of Service) Rules, 1974, framed under the Punjab Aided Schools (Security of Service) Act, 1949.

(ii) The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Rules, 1954, framed under the Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Act, 1954.

1975-76

**(14th Report)**

(i) The Punjab Tehsildari Rules, 1932.

(ii) The Punjab Education Department (Subordinate Offices) Clerical Service Rules, 1941.

(iii) The Punjab Police Rules, 1934, framed under the Police Act, 1861.

(iv) The Punjab Maternity Benefit Rules, 1967, framed under the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

(v) The Punjab Payment of Wages Rules, 1937, framed under the Payment of Wages Act, 1936.

(vi) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (General) Rules, 1974, framed under the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation Act, 1970.

(vii) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation, Expenditure Regulations, 1972, framed under the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation Act, 1970.

(viii) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation, Loan Regulations, 1972, framed under the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation Act, 1970.

(ix) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation General Regulations, framed under the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation, Act, 1970.

(x) The Punjab Housing Development Board (Conditions of Service of Chairman and Members) Rules, 1973, framed under the Punjab Housing Development Board Act, 1972.

(xi) The Punjab Housing Development Board (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1973, framed under the Punjab Housing Development Board Act, 1972.

(xii) The Punjab Housing Development Board (Delegation of Powers) Regulations, 1973, framed under the Punjab Housing Development Board Act, 1972.

(xiii) The Punjab Industrial Housing Rules, 1956, framed under the Punjab Industrial Housing Act, 1956.

(xiv) The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners (General) Rules, 1973, framed under the Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965.

(xv) The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners (Recognition of Institution) Regulations, 1974, framed under the Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965.

(xvi) The Punjab Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Rules, 1974, framed under the Punjab Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Act, 1973.

**15th Report**

The Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Rules, 1966.

[Framed under the Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Act, 1965.]

1976-77

**(16th Report)**

(i) The Punjab Civil Medical Service (Class I) Rules, 1972.

(ii) The Workmen's Compensation Rules, 1924, framed under the Workmen's Compensation Act,. 1923

(iii) The Punjab Prevention of Beggary Rules, 1975, framed under the Punjab Prevention of Beggary Act, 1971.

(iv) The Punjab Educational Service (College Cadre) (Class I) Rules, 1976.

(v) The Punjab Educational Service (College Cadre) (Class II) Rules 1976.

(vi) The Punjab Educational Service (School and Inspection Cadre) (Class I) Rules, 1976.

(vii) The Punjab Educational Service (School and Inspection) (Class II) . Rules, 1976.

(viii) The Punjab Municipal Services (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1975, framed under the Punjab Municipal Acts 1911.

(ix) The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners (Election) Rules, 1975, framed under the Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965.

(x) The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Regulations, 1974, framed under the Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965.

(xi) The Punjab Urban Estate (Sale of Site) Rules, 1965, framed under the Punjab Urban Estates (Development and Regulation) Act, 1964.

**1977-78**

The Committee for 1977-78 nominated on the 18th April, 1977 could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

**Internal Working Rules**

The Committee for the year, 1975-76, with the approval of the Speaker framed its Internal Working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly)

30. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(i) The Committee for 1972-73 considered the following matters :—

(i) Introduction of cheque system for payment of C.A./T.A. bills to Members.

(ii) Draft Rules for the admission of visitors to the various galleries of the Puniab Legislative Assembly ;

(iii) Question regarding holding of meetings of various Committees outside the State.

*Note.*—In adddition to the three items referred to above, the Committee also considered matters relating to—

(1) Admission of Members of the Vidhan Sabha to the Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi.

(2) Call Attention Notices.

(3) Facilities in the Legislators' Hostels and Flats.

(4) Reservation of accommodation for Members at Delhi and in the Punjab Rest Houses/Circuit Houses.

(5) Cancellation of meeting of a Committee.

(ii) The Committee for 1973-74 considered the following matters :—

(1) Questions regarding holding of meetings by various Committees outside Chandigarh.

(2) Regarding size of the Railways Coupon Books.

(3) Regarding pass Books for members instead of Railway Coupons.

(4) Regarding Economy in expenditure by restricting the number of meetings.

(5) Regarding transaction of business by the Committees on the death of VIPs.

(6) Regarding setting up of a dispensary in the M.L.A.s' Hostel to provide Medical assistance to Members.

(iii) The Committee for 1974-75 considered the following matters :—

(1) Suggestions by various members concerning facilities provided to them under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and the Punjab State Legislature Officers, Ministers and Members (Medical Facilities) Act, 1965, and the Rules framed thereunder.

(2) Celebration of Annual Day of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha ; and

(3) Decoration of Members' Lounge etc.

(iv) The Committee for 1975-76 considered the following matters—

(1) Suggestions received from various members concerning facilities provided to them under the Punjab Legilsative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and the Rules framed thereunder ;

(2) Letter received from the Director of National Savings in regard to the investment in the National Savings Certificate by Members and opening the Savings Counters in the Vidhan Bhavan Building ;

(3) Oral examination of the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab, Secretary to Government Punjab, Finance Department and the Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to Government, Punjab, Legislative Department in connection with the suggestion regarding payment of T.A. to Members who come to Chandigarh to attend Committee meetings, which are cancelled at short notice because of death of V.I.P.s etc. and without knowledge of such cancellation.

(v) The Committee for 1976-77 considered the following matters:—

(1) Grant of Pension to Ex-M.L.As.

(2) Payment of Compensatory Allowance to Members under lawful detention.

(vi) The Committee for 1977-78 nominated on the 18th April, 1977 could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on 30-4-1977.

## 31. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee recommended purchase of books costing Rs. 54,764·72 in 1972-73, Rs. 55,078·91 in 1973-74, Rs. 36,833·00 in 1974-75, Rs. 33,443·24 in 1975-76, and Rs. 30,299·96 in 1976-77. Besides, the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals, magazines etc. for the Library. The Committee also suggested various measures for effecting improvements in the working of the Library.

The Committee for 1977-78 nominated on the 18th April, 1977 could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on 30th April, 1977.

## 32. HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period, the Committee considered matters regarding comforts and convenience of the members during their stay in the Hostel. Due to the constant efforts of the Committee almost all the furniture of the MLAs' Hostel/Flats was either replaced by new one or repaired. Various kinds of facilities such as, tubelights in the Hostel Rooms, Call bells in the MLAs' Flats/Hostel rooms and of beddings in the MLAs' Hostel were provided on the recommendations of the Committee. Further, on its recommendation (1) A PBX was set up in MLAs' Hostel to provide telephone facility to the Members round the clock. (2) In each room of the Hostel a telephone has been provided.

The Committee also considered suggestions for effecting improvements in the catering arrangements in the MLAs' Hostel Canteen. A separate enclosure for the exclusive use of Members was made in the existing Dining Hall of the MLAs' Hostel on the recommendations of the House Committee.

The House Committees of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, West Bengal Legislative Assembly and Madhaya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the members of the Punjab Committee regarding the comforts and convenience provided to the Members.

The Committee for the year 1977-78 nominated on the 18th April, 1977, could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on 30th April, 1977.

## 33. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(i) In 1972-73, the Committee was nominated thrice and it consisted of five members and Deputy Speaker was its Chairman. It held only one meeting during this year. The Committee met at Talwara and considered the scope and functions of the Committee.

As a result of the amendment in the Rules in March, 1973, the membership of the Committee was increased to nine and its scope and functions were widened.

(ii) The Committee for 1973-74 held discussion with the Committee on Petitions of the Lok Sabha regarding the scope and functions of the Committees.

During this year, the Speaker issued a direction providing for consideration and disposal, by the Committee, of representations, letters and telegrams from various individuals, associations, etc. which are not covered by the Rules relating to petitions.

(iii) The Committee for 1974-75, presented its first Report to the Speaker.

(iv) The Committee for 1975-76, met the Committee on Petitions of the Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha at Chandigarh and exchanged views with them about the scope and functions of the Committees.

(v) The Committee for 1976-77 visited New Delhi and held discussion with the Chairman, Committee on Petitions of Lok Sabha.

(vi) The Committee for 1977-78 nominated on the 18th April, 1977, could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on 30th April, 1977.

## 34. COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES.

(i) The Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for 1973-74 examined the following Departments/Public Undertakings in respect of the representation of Scheduled Castes in the services and posts thereof, but did not present any report to the House because it could not complete its work during its term :—

**Departments**

1. Social Welfare.
2. Police.
3. Education.
4. Industries.
5. Labour and Employment.
6. Civil Aviation.
7. Co-operation (Audit).
8. Rehabilitation.
9. Elections.
10. Agriculture.
11. Languages.
12. Printing and Stationery.

**Public Undertakings**

1. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.
2. The Punjab Poultry Corporation.

(ii) The Committee for 1974-75 was constituted on a motion adopted by the House on the 15th March, 1974 consisting of nine members, but its nomenclature was changed to 'Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes'.

The Committee examined the following Departments/Public Undertakings:

**Departments**

1. Education.
2. Social Welfare.
3. Rehabilitation.

**Public Undertakings**

1. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Departments/Public Undertakings in respect of the matters shown against each :—

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| 1. | Education Department | .. | The rates and mode of payment of stipends to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes. |
| 2. | Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department | .. | Ditto |
| 3. | Revenue Department | .. | Allotment of Nazool Lands to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes in Patiala Division; and Harijan Kalyan Fund. |
| 4. | Rehabilitation Department | .. | Allotment of Evacuee Lands etc. to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes in the State. |
| 5. | The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation | | Representation of Scheduled Castes in the services and posts of the Corporation. |

The Committee presented its First Report on the 16th August, 1974 and Second Report to the Vidhan Sabha on the 30th January, 1975.

(iii) The Committee for 1975-76 was constituted on a motion adopted by the House on the 31st January, 1975 consisting of nine members and its nomenclature was further changed to 'Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes'.

The Committee examined the following Departments/Public Undertakings in respect of the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

**Departments**

1. Education.
2. Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.
3. Social Welfare.
4. Punjab Civil Secretariat.
5. Revenue.
6. Animal Husbandry.
7. Forests.
8. Youth Welfare.
9. Technical Education.

**Public Undertaking**

1. Punjab State Electricity Board

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Departments/Public Undertaking in respect of the matters shown against each :—

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| 1. Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department | (i) Policy of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services. |
| | (ii) Implementation of the recommendations of the Committee contained in its First Report. |
| | (iii) Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services of the Social Welfare Department, and its Welfare Schemes. |
| | (iv) Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of Co-operative institutions and other autonomous bodies and in the judiciary. |
| 2. Education Department | (i) Implementation of the recommendations of the Committee contained in its First Report. |
| | (ii) Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of Education Department |
| 3. Civil Secretariat Administration .. | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Civil Secretariat. |
| 4. General Services .. | Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Co-operative institutions and other autonomous bodies and in the judiciary. |
| 5. Co-operation Department .. | Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Co-operative institutions. |

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| 6. | Revenue Department .. | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Revenue Department. |
| 7. | Animal Husbandry Department | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Animal Husbandry Department. |
| 8. | Forests Department .. | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the Services of the Forests Department. |
| 9. | Youth Welfare Department | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Youth Welfare Department. |
| 10. | Irrigation and Power Department | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Punjab State Electricity Board. |
| 11. | Technical Education Department | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services of the Technical Education Department. |

The Committee presented its third and fourth Reports on the 9th February, 1976.

(iv) The Committee for 1976-77 was elected on the 12th February, 1976. The Committee examined the following Departments/Public Undertakings in respect of the representation of the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

**Departments**

1. Labour.
2. Transport.
3. Food and Supplies.
4. Public Works (Public Health).
5. Employment.
6. Industrial Training.

**Public Undertakings**

1. The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation Ltd.
2. The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.
3. The Punjab State Electricity Board.
4. The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Departments/Public Undertakings in respect of the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

(1) Labour Department ;

(2) Food and Supplies Department ;

(3) The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation Ltd., and

4. The Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its Fifth Report on the 31st March, 1977.

(v) The Committee for 1977-78 elected on the 8th April, 1977, could not hold any meeting before the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 30th April, 1977.

**Internal Working Rules**

The Committee for 1975-76, with the approval of the Speaker framed its Internal Working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

## 35. RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave rulings on or made observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resumes for various Sessions of the Sabha.

## 36. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various points of order, reference may be made to the Resumes of various Sessions.

## 37. APPENDIX

(For reference, please *see* "Legislation" at page 3 *ante*).

*List of Bills which were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha*

**First (Budget) Session, 1972**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1972.
2. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1972.
3. The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1972.
4. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1972.
5. The Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1972.
6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1972.
7. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1972.
8. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1972.
9. The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Amendment Bill, 1972.
10. The Punjab Housing Development Board Bill, 1972.
11. The Punjab legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1972.

**Second (Monsoon) Session, 1972**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1972.
2. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1972.

**Third (Winter) Session, 1972**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1972.
2. The Punjab Land Reforms Bill, 1972 (Bill No. 31-PLA of 1972).
3. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1972. (Bill No. 36-PLA of 1972).
4. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1972.
5. The Punjab Cattle Fairs (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1972.
6. The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1972.
7. The Patiala State Ijlas-i-Khas Order of 1919 (Repealing) Bill, 1972.
8. The Talwara Township (Periphery) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1972.
9. The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1972.

**Fourth (Budget) Session, 1973**

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3. The Punjab Preemption (Repeal) Bill, 1973.

4. The Punjab Custom (Power to Contest) Amendment Bill, 1973.

5. The Punjab Registration (Validating) Bill, 1973.

6. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1973.

7. The East Punjab Agricultural Pests, Diseases and Noxious Weeds (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

8. The East Punjab Molasses (Control) Amendment Bill, 1973.

9. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1973.

10. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

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14. The Pepsu Townships Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

15. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

16. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

17. The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Repeal) Bill, 1973.

18. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1973.

19. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1973.

20. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

21. The Punjab Housing Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

22. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

23. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 1973.

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*Assent withheld by the President of India.

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4. The Punjab Courts (Amendment) Bill, 1975.

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6. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Third Amendment) Bill, 1975.

7. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1975.

8. The Punjab Commercial Crops Cess (Amendment) Bill, 1975.

9. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1975.

10. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1975.

11. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1975.

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13. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1975.

14. The Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service of Teachers) (Amendment) Bill, 1975.

15. The Punjabi University (Amendment) Bill, 1975 (Bill No. 30-PLA of 1975)

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4. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1976.

5. The Public Wakfs (Extension of Limitation) (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1976.

6. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1976.

7. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Common Purposes Land) Eviction and Rent Recoveries Bill, 1976.

8. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1976.

9. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

10. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

11. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

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13. The Punjab Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

14. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment Validation) Bill, 1976.

15. The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

16. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

17. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

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4. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Second Amendment) Bill, 1976.

5. The Punjab Prevention of Anti-Social and Hazardous Activities Bill, 1976.

6. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1976.

7. The Punjab Municipal Corporation Bill, 1976.

8. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1976.

9. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

10. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

11. The East Punjab Molasses (Control) Amendment Bill, 1976.

12. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1976.

13. The Punjab Wheeled Vehicles (Lights) Bill, 1976.

14. The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1976.

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2. The Lepers (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1977.

3. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Amendment) Bill, 1977.

4. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1977.

5. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1977.

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8. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1977.

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Seventh Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 30th June, 1977 to the 17th February, 1980, when the Sabha was dissolved by the Presidential Proclamation issued on that day. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of the different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Seventh Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH : PARTAP SINGH,

1st April, 1980. Secretary.

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The Seventh Punjab Vidhan Sabha which met for the first time on the 30th June, 1977, consisted of 116 members elected from 116 constituencies. Election from one constituency was countermanded due to the death of one of the candidates. Election from this constituency was held on 18th December, 1977.

During the period under review i.e. the 30th June, 1977 and 17th February, 1980, when the Sabha was dissolved by the Presidential Proclamation issued on that day, one bye-election was held to fill the seat rendered vacant by the election of Sardar Harpreet Singh which was declared void. Further two seats fell vacant consequent upon the resignations of Chaudhri Bal Ram Jakhar and Chaudhri Sunder Singh from their seats in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on their having been elected as Members of the Lok Sabha in January, 1980.

On the dissolution of the Sixth Vidhan Sabha on the 30th April, 1977, Dr. Kewal Krishan, a Member of the Sixth Vidhan Sabha who was chosen Speaker on the 25th September, 1973, continued as such up to 30th June, 1977, under the operation of the second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution. The Governor under Article 180(1) of the Constitution, appointed Sardar Ravi Inder Singh, a Member of the Seventh Vidhan Sabha, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178, vide his order dated the 24th June, 1977. Subsequently, Sardar Ravi Inder Singh was chosen as Speaker on the 1st July, 1977, and on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980. he continued as such under the operation of the Second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution.

Shri Panna Lal Nayar another member of the Seventh Vidhan Sabha was chosen as Deputy Speaker on the 8th July, 1977.

During the period under review, the Vidhan Sabha held in all 75 sittings spread over 6 Sessions as follows :—

| Year | | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | 3rd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1977 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 6 |
| 1978 | .. | 8 | 18 | 13 | 39 |
| 1979 | .. | 24 | 6 | .. | 30 |

These sittings do not include the sittings when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha during the period under review.

All the sittings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhvan, Chandigarh.

## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESS

There were three Special Addresses of the Governor to the members of the Vidhan Sabha beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in June, 1977. Each of these Addresses was discussed on Motion of Thanks. Notices of amendments to the two Addresses delivered in 1978 and 1979 were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below :—

| Year | | Period | Amendments |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1977 | .. | 3 days | .. |
| 1978 | .. | 4 days | 1 |
| 1979 | .. | 4 days | 3 |

The amendments were moved by the members of the Opposition and these were lost.

The Motion of Thanks was carried in the form it was moved on each occasion.

## 3. LEGISLATION

### I. Official

The Seventh Vidhan Sabha passed 60 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows :—

| Year | | Number of Bills |
|---|---|---|
| 1977 | .. | 6 |
| 1978 | .. | 36 |
| 1979 | .. | 18 |
| Total | .. | 60 |

The number of new Bills was 9, of amending Bills 43 and of Appropriation Bills 8.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of the Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in the Appendix. For synopsis of these Bills, reference may be made to the Resume of the different Sessions

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriation of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha whether in the first instance or by way of Supplementaries, in figures being Rs. 1,34,54,78,000 for 1977-78 (Supplementary Estimates) ; Rs. 13,00,01,82,000 for 1978-79 and Rs. 13, 05,82,78,000 (including Vote on Account for Rs. 5,73,46,85,000) for 1979-80.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills except the Appropriation Bills, was 51(41 from the Treasury and 10 from the Opposition Benches).

The notices of the following Bills pending in the Vidhan Sabha stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Seventh Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 17th **February**, 1980:—

1. The Punjab State Electricity Board (Dues Recovery) Bill, 1979.
2. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1979.
3. The Punjab Prevention of Beggary (Amendment) Bill, 1979.

## II. Non-Official

Nil.

## 4. QUESTIONS

The following table gives the information about Questions:—

**(a) Starred—**

(i) (a) Total number of notices of Starred Questions received .. 4082

(b) Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted .. 2128

(c) Total number of Starred Questions answered orally .. 711

(d) Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 .. 335

(e) Total number of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions .. 441

(f) Total number of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. .. 641

**(b) Unstarred—**

(ii) (a) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received .. 1084

(b) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted 599

(c) Total number of Unstarred Questions answered .. 455

(d) Total number of Unstarred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. .. 144

**(c) Short Notice—**

(iii) (a) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received .. 47

(b) Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted .. 12

(c) Total number of Short Notice Questions answered .. 3

The year-wise distribution of questions may be seen in the following Table :—

TABLE

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given Notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supple-mentaries | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under rule 38 | No. of Un-starred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | No. of Un-starred Questions given notice of | No. of Un-starred Questions admitted | No. of Un-starred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1977 | 22 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .. |
| 1978 | 2,015 | 908 | 388 | 2,025 | 170 | 98 | 593 | 275 | 212 | 25 | 9 | 3 |
| 1979 | 2,045 | 1,213 | 323 | 1,425 | 165 | 343 | 472 | 308 | 242 | 19 | 2 | .. |

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## 5. RESOLUTIONS

### I. Official

Three Official Resolutions were discussed and passed during the period under review. The subject-matter of each and the date of its discussion and its being carried are given below -:—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Fixation of Rs. 150 crores as the maximum amount which the Punjab State Electricity Board may at any time have on loan under sub-section (1) of section 65 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. .. | 13-1-1978 |
| 2. | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the provisio to Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Forty-fourth Amendment) Bill, 1977, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. .. | 6-3-1978 |
| 3. | Adoption of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1978 (Central Act No. 44 of 1978) for the State of Punjab. .. | 15-10-1979 (Second Sitting) |

### II. Non-Official

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received .. | 354 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted .. | 174 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions discussed .. | 11 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried .. | 4 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision was taken and which lapsed .. | 7 |

The year-wise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as under:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1977 .. | 3 |
| 1978 .. | 174 |
| 1979 .. | 170 |
| 1980 .. | 7 |
| Total | 354 |

The number of Resolutions discussed was 7 in 1978 and 4 in 1979 while no Resolution was discussed in 1977. These Resolutions were discussed on 11 days (9 on non-official days and 2 on days other than non-official days by suspending the relevant rules) during the period under review as given below :—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1978 .. | 7 |
| 1979 .. | 4 |

The subject matter of each resolution is given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | This House recommends to the State Government that it should make available to the children of parents or guardians having annual income amounting to Rs. 3,600 or below, the same facilities in service and education which are available to the children belonging to backward classes. | 5th January, 1978 | Lapsed |
| 2. | This House recommends to the Government that in view of the fact that agriculture has been mechanized and has taken the form of an industry, both agriculture and industry should be treated at par in the matter of provision of financial credit/assistance and other facilities. | 12th January, 1978 | do |
| 3. | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government with the request that steps be taken so that the present single Constituency system is replaced by proportional representation system in order to give due representation to various parties in the legislature in the country in accordance with the number of votes cast by the electorate in their favour. | 9th March, 1978 | do |
| 4. | This House recommends to the State Government to make arrangements for free education up to matric for all the children in the State. | 16th March, 1978 | do |
| 5. | With a view to exercise effective check on the soaring prices of essential articles and to create a link between the producers and consumers, this House recommends to the Government to set up a net-work of Consumer Co-operative Stores in the State. | 31st March, 1978 | do |
| 6. | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government with the request that Chandigarh Union Territory area and all the Punjabi Speaking areas now forming part of the neighbouring States, taking the village as a Unit, be immediately merged with the Punjab State. | 7th September, 1978 | Carried |
| 7, | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Government of India with the request that steps be taken to so amend the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, that the daughter may get her share from her inlaws property after her marriage instead of getting the same from her father's property. | 15th September, 1978 (Afternoon sitting) | do |
| 8, | Whereas on the reorganisation of the Punjab State on the 1st November, 1966, the Punjab Wakf Board situated at Ambala Cantt. became an Inter-State Board; | 1st March, 1979 | do |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | WHEREAS the income from the Wakf properties situated in the Punjab State is the highest (over 66 per cent) as compared to that derived from such properties in the States of Haryana and Himachal and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, but the major portion of the income of the Inter-State Board is being spent in the areas outside the Punjab State.<br><br>NOW, THEREFORE, this House recommends to the Government to approach the Government of India immediately with the request that Legislation be enacted forthwith providing for the setting up of a separate Wakf Board for the Punjab State. | | |
| 9. | This House expresses its grave concern at the resolution passed at the All India Akali Conference at Ludhiana and further reiterated at Fatehgarh Sahib propounding the theory of India being a multination country; asking for economic and finuncial autonomy for Punjab; and demanding the redrafting of the Constitution based on the demand made in the abovementioned resolution. | 8th March, 1979 | Lapsed |
| 10. | While congratulating the Government for having launched the Rural Integrated Development Scheme in the State, this House recommends to the Government to take further steps so that the entire State is covered by the scheme within the next two years. | 19th April, 1979 | do |
| 11. | This House recommends to the Government to take steps so that the names of Maharaja/Rajas prefixed with the Government Institutions in the State are deleted. | 26th April, 1979 | Carried |

## III. Others

Additionally, two resolutions not falling under the categories of official and non-official Resolutions, were discussed/carried. The subject-matter of each of these Resolutions is given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed/carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Condemnation of the Chinese aggression against Vietnam and appreciation of the stand taken by the Union Government in expressing its solidarity and sympathy with the people of the Vietnam, etc.<br><br>(By suspending the relevant Rules) | 1-3-1979 (Morning Sitting) |
| 2. | Appeal to Acharya Vinoba Bhave to give up the fast undertaken by him for the imposition of ban on cow slaughter, etc.<br><br>(By suspending the relevant Rules) | 26-4-1979 (Morning Sitting) |

## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of Adjournment Motions received during the period under review was 75 (7 in 1977 ; 36 in 1978 and 32 in 1979). Of these one was converted into a Call Attention Notice and in one case the Speaker allowed the Member to table a Call Attention Notice on the subject and the Chief Minister made a statement in reply thereto. All the remaining 73 Adjournment Motions, were disallowed. However, out of the above disallowed Adjournment Motions, in one case a copy was sent to Government for necessary action and in respect of another the Chief Minister made a statement.

## 7. CENSURE MOTION

Only one notice of Censure Motion was received during the period under review on the 6th March, 1979, against Jathedar Jiwan Singh Umranangal, Revenue Minister. It was disallowed by the Speaker on the 7th March, 1979, on the grounds that it was based on a newspaper report ; the alleged incident happened outside the House and it was not connected with the duties of the Minister towards the House.

## 8. CALL ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 690 matters relating to different subjects. The session-wise break up of these Call Attention Notices is given below :—

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | First (Summer) Session, 1977 | .. | 45 |
| 2. | Second (Winter) Session, 1978 | .. | 58 |
| 3. | Third (Budget) Session, 1978 | .. | 140 |
| 4. | Fourth (Monsoon) Session, 1978 | .. | 139 |
| 5. | Fifth (Budget) Session, 1979 | .. | 233 |
| 6. | Sixth (Autumn) Session, 1979 | .. | 75 |
| | Total | .. | 690 |

*Note.*—For details a reference may be made to the Resume of different Sessions.

## 9. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all 13 notices of Motions under Rule 77 (one in 1977 ; 7 in 1978 and 5 in 1979) were received, out of which 7 were disallowed and 6, detailed below, were admitted :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Situation created by recent floods in the State. | 11-9-1978 | Discussed. |
| 2. | Statement made by the Finance Minister regarding Sixth Five-Year Plan (1978—83). | .. | Admitted. Two hours were allotted for discussion on 14th September, 1978 (Afternoon Sitting), but the motion was not moved as none of the Members who had given notice of the motion was present in the House. |
| 3. | Statement made by the Finance Minister regarding Sixth Five-Year Plan (1978—83). | .. | Admitted. Two hours were allotted for discussion on 14th September, 1978 (Afternoon Sitting), but the motion was not moved as the Member who had given notice of the motion was not present in the House. |
| 4. | Situation arising out of the non-payment of remunerative prices to the farmers for the agricultural produce. | 8-3-1979 (Morning sitting) | Discussed. |
| 5. | Situation created by the beating of Police constables by Akali Leaders in Anardana Chowk, Patiala, on 15th April, 1979, and consequent protest by armed Policemen. | 27-4-1979 | Discussed. |
| 6. | Situation arising out of shortage of diesel ; coal ; cement ; bricks; pig ; iron; electricity and water-supply for irrigation etc. in the State. | 16-10-1979 (Afternoon Sitting) | Discussed. |

## 10. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

The total number of 46 notices seeking to raise questions of privilege were received/mentioned in the House, 2 in 1977; 28 in 1978 and 16 in 1979.

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of 23 ; 12 were disposed of by the Speaker after making some observations ; one was withdrawn by the Member ; 2 were disallowed by the Speaker being not in time, notice of one lapsed on the prorogation of the House and notices of 4 lapsed on the dissolution of the House on 17th Feburary, 1980. Three questions were referred to the Committee of Privileges.

In addition to the notices referred to in the preceding two paragraphs, fifteen questions of privileges/complaints were received by means of letters addressed to the Speaker when the House was not in Session. Of these, nine were referred to the Committee of Privileges and in the case of the remaining six consent was not given, by the Speaker.

Additionally, one question of privilege was referred to Committee of Privileges by the Speaker of his own.

The nature of question/complaint in each case, the date on which it was raised/referred to Committee of Privileges and the decision thereon may by seen from the table below :

| Sr. No. | Nature of question of privilege/complaint | Date on which question of privilege raised/ complaint made | Date on which referred to the Committee | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Regarding threat to Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhillon, M.L.A., for raising the issue regarding insecticides in the House. | 13-1-1978 | 13-1-1978 | The Committee presented its report to the House on the 31st March, 1978. The House could not consider the Report till the dissolution of the House on the 17th February, 1980, when the matter stood lapsed. |
| 2. | Regarding discourtesy shown to Sardar Sukhdev Singh Sukhladhi, M.L.A., by the Superintending Engineer, Punjab State Electricity Board, Bhatinda, when he went to see the said officer in his office on 16th May, 1978. | 18-5-1978 | 18-5-1978 | The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 22nd February, 1979. (For further details please see page 28 infra under the heading Committee of Privileges). |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Regarding discourtesy shown to Sardar Parkash Singh Majitha, M.L.A., by the Superintending Engineer, Punjab State Electricity Board, Amritsar, when he went to see the said Officer in his office on 16th June, 1978. | 21-6-1978 | 21-6-1978 | The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 22nd February, 1979. (For further details please see page 29 infra under the heading Committee of Privileges). |
| 4. | Regarding misbehaviour of the Under-Secretary, Directorate of Local Bodies towards Doctor Sadhu Ram, M.L.A., when he entered the room of said Officer on 28-6-1978. | 29-6-1978 | 29-6-1978 | The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 30th March, 1979, who dropped the matter. |
| 5. | Regarding discourtesy shown to Sardar Baldev Singh Mann, M.L.A., by the Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Health Department, when he went to see her in her office on 10-8-1978. | 16-8-1978 | 16-8-1978 | The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 19th September, 1979. (For further details please see page 29 infra under the heading Committee of Privileges). |
| 6. | Regarding statement published in the press on 16-9-1978, issued by Sardar Mohinder Singh Gill, President, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, casting uncharitable aspersions on the conduct of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and especially making undignified and insulting remarks against the Speaker by calling him partial. | 16-9-1978 | 16-9-1978 | The House not being in Session, the Chairman having been authorised by the Committee presented the Report to the Speaker on 28-1-1980 under Rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha who directed that the matter be closed. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | Regarding handcuffing of Comrades Mehtab Singh and Sarwan Singh, M.L.As. by the Police on 25-9-1978. | 28-9-1978 | 10-11-1978 | The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on 6th February, 1980 who dropped the matter. |
| 8. | Regarding discourtesy shown to Sardar Dalbir Singh, M.L.A., by the S.H.O., Fatehgarh Churian, when he visited Police Station, Fatehgarh Churian on 2-9-1978. | 29-9-1978 | 29-9-1978 | The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 30th March, 1979, who dropped the matter. |
| 9. | Regarding with-holding of some information by the Public Works Minister, in reply to Starred Question No. 132 while supplying the same in reply to Starred Question No. 820. | 16-9-1978 | 26-6-1979 | The Report was made to the Speaker who dropped the matter. |
| 10. | Regarding discourtesy shown to Sardar Shashpal Singh, M.L.A. by the Pension and Pay Master, Amritsar in the Ajnala Rest House, on 16-7-1979. | 27-7-1979 | 7-8-1979 | The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on 17-2-1980. |
| 11. | Regarding discourtesy shown to Sardar Swaran Singh Khasanwali, M.L.A., by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, when he want to see the said officer on 5-11-1979. | 10-11-1979 | 10-11-1979 | The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on 17-2-1980. |
| 12. | Regarding abusing and holding of threats to kill Sri A. Vishwanathan, M.L.A. by the Chairman Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. | 12-11-1979 | 23-11-1979 | The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on 17-2-1980. |
| 13. | Regarding news item appearing in the daily 'Hind Samachar' (Urdu) dated 25-10-79 in connection with the meetings of the Committees of the House held at Delhi. | Referred by the Speaker of his own. | 23-11-1979 | The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on 17-2-1980. |

## 11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Two Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :—

| Year | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. |
| 1978-79 | .. | 12,42,44,99,000 |
| 1979-80 | .. | 12,48,69,48,000 |

The Vote-on-Account Budget, 1979-80 (for four months viz., April, May, June and July, 1979) for Rs. 5,73,46,85,000 was voted upon the 7th March, 1979 and the Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill was passed on the 8th March, 1979 (Afternoon Sitting).

Five Supplementary Estimates two each for the years 1977-78 and 1978-79 and one for the year 1979-80 were presented to and voted by the Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :—

| Year | | Amount | Date of presentation | Date on which appropriation Bill passed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. | | |
| 1977-78 | .. | 12,11,97,000 | 9-1-1978 | 13-1-1978 |
| | | 1,22,42,81,000 | 6-3-1978 | 13-3-1978 |
| 1978-79 | .. | 4,84,04,000 | 6-9-1978 | 13-9-1978 (Morning Sitting) |
| | | 52,72,79,000 | 2-3-1979 | 6-3-1979 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 1979-80 | .. | 57,13,30,000 | 16-10-1979 (Morning Sitting) | 17-10-1979 (Morning Sitting) |

General discussion was held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific demands for grants were taken up for discussion in 1978-79 and 1979-80.

*Note.*—For details a reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 12. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made 13 statements on the Floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. Number of statements made by each of them was as follows :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Minister | .. | 6 |
| Finance Minister | .. | 1 |
| Public Works Minister | .. | 1 |
| Excise and Taxation Minister | .. | 3 |
| Industries Minister | .. | 1 |
| Welfare Minister | .. | 1 |
| Total | .. | 13 |

In addition, 151 statements were made in the House by various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject—matter of these statements, a reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 13. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review was 9 26. The time taken thereon was 200 hrs. 38 minutes in 6 Sessions with 75 Sittings excluding the ones when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha. Out of these speeches, 381 were made by the Members of the Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 113 by Ministers, 167 by the Opposition Parties and 265 by other Opposition Groups ; the time taken in each case being 80 hours 57 minutes ; 29 hours 06 minutes ; 38 hours 56 minutes and 51 hours 39 minutes, respectively.

The year-wise break up of the above figures is given in the statement below :—

STATEMENT

...ER OF SPEECHES MADE BY

TIME TAKEN

| Others parties including C.P.I., C.P.I.(M), Congress and Indepen-dents | Other parties including C.P.I. C.P.I. (M) Congress (I), Lok Dal, Congress & Independents | Members (excluding Ministers) | Treasury Benches: Ministers | Members of Opposition (Congress Party) | Members of Opposition [Congress (I)] | Members of Opposition (Janata Party) | Other parties including C.P.I., C.P.I.(M) and Inde-pendents | Other parties including C.P.I., C.P.I.(M, and Inde-pendents | Other par-ties including C.P.I., C.P.I.(M), Congress (I), Lok Dal, Congress and Independents |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. |
| .. | .. | 7·30 | 3·1) | 4·32 | .. | .. | 3·39 | .. | .. |
| 26 | .. | 8·24 | 3·26 | .. | 2·27 | .. | .. | 5·34 | .. |
| 38 | .. | 20·01 | 6·11 | .. | 11·22 | .. | .. | 12·26 | .. |
| 55 | .. | 12·51 | 3·57 | .. | 4·50 | .. | .. | 7·19 | .. |
| 80 | .. | 30·00 | 10·31 | .. | 13·22 | .. | .. | 16·22 | .. |
| .. | 40 | 2·11 | 1·51 | .. | .. | 2·23 | .. | .. | 6·19 |
| 199 | 40 | 80·57 | 29·06 | 4·32 | 32·01 | 2·23 | 3·39 | 41·41 | 6·19 |

, 1st October, 1978 and 7th September, 1979 respectively. Principal Om Parkash Bagga and Sathi Rup Lal, M.L.As. sat separately as the Lok Dal Members

...ons, by discussion on Adjournment Motions, Questions of Privilege, Divisions, Call Attention Notices and Points of Order, etc., etc.

## 14. WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 53 walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different groups during the period under review. The Table below gives the session-wise figures :—

| Year | | 1st Session | 2nd Session | 3rd Session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1977 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 |
| 1978 | .. | 5 | 14 | 9 | 28 |
| 1979 | .. | 17 | 6 | .. | 23 |
| | | | Total | .. | 53 |

## 15. DIVISIONS

The total number of divis'ons (all not recorded) during the period under review was 4 as given in the table below :—

| Year | | 1st Session | 2nd Session | 3rd Sessio n |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Not recorded | Not recorded | Not recorded |
| 1977 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1978 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 |
| 1979 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. |

## 16. COMMITTEES

In 1977, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees :—

1. Business Advisory Committee.
2. Select Committee on Bill.
3. Committee on Public Accounts.
4. Committee on Estimates.
5. Committee on Public Undertakings.
6. Rules Committee.

7. Committee of Privileges.

8. Committee on Government Assurances.

9. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

10. General Purposes Committee.

11. Library Committee.

12. House Committee.

13. Committee on Petitions.

14. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.

A provision for the constitution of the Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table consisting of ten members was made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) *vide* gazette notification, dated the 24th April, 1979.

The Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1 and 6 to 13 were nominated by the Speaker during the period under review. In addition, the Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table was also nominated in 1979-80. The Committees mentioned at serial Nos. 3 to 5 and 14 were elected by the House during this period. The Select Committee on the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1979, was appointed by the Vidhan Sabha in 1979-80.

The Chairmen of the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 and the Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table were appointed by the Speaker and in the case of the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 6 and 10 the Speaker was *ex-officio* Chairman. The Deputy Speaker was the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee mentioned at Serial No. 12. The Chairman of the Select Committee on the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1979, was chosen by itself.

The Membership of these Committees is given below :—

| | 1977-78, and 1978-79 | 1979-80 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Business Advisory Committee | Speaker and not more than five other members. | |
| 2. Select Committee on Bill | Not more than 15 members except with the leave of the Assembly in which case not more than 25 members. | |
| 3. Committee on Public Accounts | Nine members | Thirteen members |
| 4. Committee on Estimates | Not more than Nine members | Not more than Thirteen members |

| | | 1977-78, and 1978-79 | 1979-80 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. | Committee on Public Undertakings | Nine members | Thirteen members |
| 6. | Rules Committee | Eight members including the Speaker | Ten members including the Speaker |
| 7. | Committee of Privileges | Not more than ten members | Not more than twelve members |
| 8. | Committee on Government Assurances | Not more than nine members | Not more than thirteen members |
| 9. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than eight members including the Advocate General | Not more than thirteen members including the Advocate General |
| 10. | General Purposes Committee | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised parties and groups in the Vidhan Sabha (Assembly) and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker. | |
| 11. | Library Committee | Six members | Nine members |
| 12. | House Committee | Deputy Speaker and four other members | Deputy Speaker and eight other members |
| 13. | Committee on Petitions | Not more than nine members | Not more than thirteen members |
| 14. | Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | Not more than nine members | Not more than thirteen members |
| 15. | Committee on Papers Laid/ To be Laid on the Table | .. | Not more than ten members |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees year-wise alongwith the number of Reports presented by each is given in the following statement :—

STATEMENT

| | Number of meetings | | | Number of reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1977-78 | 1978-79 | 1979-80 | |
| 1. Business Advisory Committee .. | 7 | 13 | 9 | 15 |
| 2. Rules Committee .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

| | Number of meetings 1977-78 | 1978-79 | 1979-80 | Number of reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. Committee of Privileges .. | 6 | 55 | 32 | 9 |
| 4. Select Committee on Bill .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 5. Public Accounts Committee .. | 36 | 59 | 79 | 6 |
| 6. Committee on Estimates .. | 40 | 37 | 45 | 9 |
| 7. Public Undertakings Committee .. | 36 | 66 | 67 | 2 |
| 8. Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes .. | 41 | 54 | 72 | 2 |
| 9. Library Committee .. | 14 | 25 | 39 | .. |
| 10. Committee on Government Assurances .. | 34 | 78 | 66 | 2 |
| 11. Committee on Subordinate Legislation .. | 52 | 61 | 32 | 2 |
| 12. House Committee .. | 7 | 17 | 12 | .. |
| 13. Committee on Petitions .. | 2 | 6 | 20 | Nil |
| 14. General Purposes Committee .. | 3 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 15. Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table .. | .. | .. | 40 | .. |

## 17. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 the Committee made recommendations about the date-wise programme, discussion on Demands for Grants and various other items of business before the House and presented to the House five, six and four reports, respectively.

## 18. SELECT COMMITTEE ON BILL

The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1979 was referred to a Select Committee by the House on the 15th October, 1979. The Select Committee consisted of 15 members including the Minister-in-Charge and the Advocate General. The Committee held only one meeting.

It presented its Report to the House on the 17th October, 1979.

## 19. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

(i) The Committee for the year 1977-78 completed the examination in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1971-72 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1971-72, questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the Committee for the previous year. The Committee presented its Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Reports to the House on the 13th January, 1978 and 30th March, 1978 respectively on the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71.

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee appointed two Sub-Committees, viz. Implementation Sub-Committee and the Drafting Sub-Committee.

The Implementation Sub-Committee scrutinised the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Drafting Sub-Committee drafted the Thirty-fifth Report which was later adopted by the full Committee. Thirty-sixth Report was drafted by the Committee itself.

The Committee on Public Accounts of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla, New Delhi and Nangal also.

The Committe during its meetings at Simla also met its counterpart Committee of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha and discussed matters of mutual interest.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1978-79 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1972-73 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1972-73 (Civil and Revenue Receipts), questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the previous Committee. The Committee presented its Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Reports to the House on the 2nd March, 1979 and 8th March, 1979 respectively, on the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1971-72 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1971-72.

The House being not in Session and the Chairman having been authorised to do so by the Committee, presented Thirty-ninth Report on 30th March, 1979 on the matter raised by Comrade Satyapal Dang, M.L.A., in his letter, dated 23rd September, 1978 regarding the reinstatement of a dismissed employee of the Public Works Department (B&R Branch), to the Speaker under Rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) who ordered its printing, publication and distribution. A copy of the Report was subsequently laid on the Table of the House on 16th April, 1979.

The committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee appointed two Sub-Committees, viz. Implementation Sub-Committee and the Drafting Sub-Committee but these Sub-Committees did not hold any meeting.

The Committees on Public Accounts of the Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala Legislative Assemblies visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Simla and Ludhiana also.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1979-80 completed the examination in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1972-73 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1972-73 (Civil and Revenue Receipts), questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the Committee for the previous year.

The House being not in Session and the Chairman having been authorised to do so by the Committee, presented Fourtieth Report on 31st January, 1980 on the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1972-73 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1972-73 (Revenue Receipts), to the Speaker under Rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly), who ordered its printing, publication and distribution. It could not be laid on the Table of the House before its dissolution on 17th February, 1980.

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committees on Public Accounts of West Bengal and Karnataka Legislative Assemblies visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings in Himachal Pradesh (Simla, Narkanda and Thanedar) and New Delhi.

The Committee visited Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Diu, Karnataka and Kerala States and exchanged views with its counterparts in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

## 20. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 1977-78 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:—

1. Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch);

2. Public Works Department (B. & R. Branch).

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1977-78 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinized quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on the 31st March, 1978, on the Budget Estimates for the year 1977-78 in respect of the Departments mentioned at Nos. 1 and 2 above, in addition to the Reports on the Supplementary Estimates (1st and 2nd Instalments), 1977-78, presented to the House on the 9th January, 1978, and 6th March, 1978 respectively.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee on Estimates of the Tamil Nadu and Karnataka Legislative Assemblies visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi also.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1978-79 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:—

1. Vigilance Department;
2. Agriculture Department;
3. Police Department; and
4. Co-operation Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1978-79 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

In addition, the Committee scrutinized quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in various earlier Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its one Report to the House on the 8th March, 1979, on the Budget Estimates for the year 1978-79 in respect of the Vigilance Department and one Report to the Speaker on the 29th March, 1979, under Rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) on the Budget Estimates for the year 1978-79 in respect of the Agriculture Department, the House being not in Session. The Speaker ordered its printing, publication and circulation and copy of the Report was subsequently laid on the Table of the House on the 16th April, 1979. The Committee also presented its two Reports to the House on the 6th September, 1978 and 2nd March, 1979 respectively on the Supplementary Estimates (1st and 2nd Instalments), 1978-79.

The Committee could not present its Reports in respect of Police and Co-operation Departments for want of time.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at Simla also.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1979-80 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:—

1. Co-operation Department; and
2. Excise and Taxation Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for 1979-80 (Ist Instalment).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinized quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in various earlier reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its Report to the House on the 15th October, 1979 on the Supplementary Estimates (Ist Instalment), 1979-80.

The Committee could not present any Report on the Budget Estimates for the year 1979-80 in respect of any of the Departments mentioned at Nos. 1 and 2 above, as the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 17th February, 1980.

The Committee appointed four Sub-Committees, namely:—

(a) Implementation Sub-Committee;

(b) Drafting Sub-Committee;

(c) Sub-Committee for on-the-spot study of the Hospitals in the State, where E.S.I. beds are available; and

(d) Sub-Committee for on the spot study of the construction of the Bus Stand, Pathankot;

but only the Sub-Committee mentioned at (d) above held two meetings.

The Committees on Estimates of Karnataka and Maharashtra Legislative Assemblies visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla, Nangal and New Delhi also.

**Internal Working Rules**

The Committee for the year 1977-78, with the approval of the Speaker, framed its Internal Working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

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## 21. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 1977-78 examined the general working of the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation and presented its Report (Eighteenth) thereon to the House on 31st March, 1978.

Besides, the Committee examined the audit paras appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to:—

(a) Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its allied units;

(b) Punjab State Small Industries Corporation; and

(c) Punjab State Tubewell Corporation and framed questionnaire thereon.

The Committees on Public Undertakings of Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh Legislatures visited Chandigarh and discussed with the Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1978-79 scrutinized the material and orally examined the representatives of the Punjab State Electricity Board in respect of its general working on some points but for want of time the oral examination could not be completed.

The Committee also examined the audit paras appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and framed questionnaire thereon.

Besides, the Committee having gone through the evidence tendered before and the information supplied to it in the year 1976-77 in repsect of paragraphs/notes appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1972-73 relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board, prepared its Report (Nineteenth) and presented the same to the House on 8th March, 1979.

In addition, the Committee orally examined the representatives of Government/Corporation regarding the replies to the questionnaire framed by it during 1977-78 in respect of audit paras appearing in the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its allied Units but could not prepare the Report for want of time.

Out of sixteen Public Undertakings, the Committee scrutinized the material received from the Punjab State Electricity Board and the Punjab Financial Corporation in reply to the questionnaire framed by it relating to Horizontal examination of all the Public Undertakings regarding 'Mode and Method of Recruitment and framed further questionnaire for purpose of oral examination.

The Committee also orally examined the representatives of the Government/ Board in connection with the material received from the following Corporations/ Boards in reply to the questionnaire framed by it relating to Horizontal examination of all the Public Undertakings in regard to the 'Mode and Method of Recruitment':—

(a) The Punjab Film and News Corporation;

(b) The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation;

(c) The Punjab State Electricity Board.

The material received from the remaining twelve Boards/Corporations could not be scrutinized for want of time.

The Committee on Public Undertakings of Tripura Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh on 27th November, 1978 and discussed with the Punjab Committee matters of common interest.

The Committee visited Simla, Delhi, Agra and Holstein Friesian Sutlej Bed Bet Farm, Ropar in regard to paragraph 11 of the Sixteenth Report of the Committee.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1979-80 orally examined the representatives of Government/Corporation regarding the replies to the questionnaire framed by it during 1977-78 and 1978-79 in respect of audit paras appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation and the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation respectively.

Besides, the Committee scrutinized the material received from the following Corporations/Board in connection with the questionnaire framed by it in 1978-79

relating to the Horizontal Examination of all the Public Undertakings in regard to the 'Mode and Method of Recruitment' and framed further questionnaire:—

(1) The Punjab State Financial Corporation (Rescrutinized);

(2) The Punjab State Warehousing Corporation;

(3) The Punjab Export Corporation;

(4) The Punjab State Small Industries Corporation;

(5) The Punjab Poultry Corporation;

(6) The Punjab Land Development and Seed Corporation;

(7) The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its Allied Units;

(8) The Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation;

(9) The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation;

(10) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation;

(11) The Punjab State Tubewell Corporation;

(12) The Punjab Housing Development Board; and

(13) The Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation.

The Committee could not present any report due to the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

The Committee visited Simla, Delhi, State of Jammu and Kashmir, Agra, Mathura and States of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

**Internal Working Rules**

The Committee for the year 1977-78, with the approval of the Speaker, framed its Internal Working Rules under Rule 204-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

## 22. RULES COMMITTEE

In 1977-78, the Committee—

(i) considered recommendations of the previous Rules Committee which were excluded from its Third Report;

(ii) considered amendments proposed by the previous Rules Committee in the Rules of Procedure during 1976;

(iii) considered matter regarding admissibility of Questions/Call Attention Notices concerning Co-operative Societies and Public Undertakings.

It did not present its Report to the House.

In 1978-79, the Committee—

(i) considered amendments proposed by the Rules Committee for the year 1977-78;

(ii) considered the matters relating to (i) the strength of the Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and (ii) the constitution of the Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table and made recommendations.

In pursuance of rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha the Speaker who was Chairman, ex-officio, ordered the printing of the First Report of the Rules Committee as it could not be presented to the House before the expiry of the term of the Committee because the House had adjourned *sine-die*. Later, a copy of the First Report of the Committee was laid on the Table of the House on the 16th April, 1979.

The Committee held meeting at Amritsar also.

In 1979-80, the Committee considered the amendments made to the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Rules Committee for 1978-79, which was laid before the House on the 16th April, 1979 and reiterated its original recommendations made in the said Report.

It laid its Second (final) Report on the Table of the House on the 23rd April, 1979.

## 23. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The following matters were referred to the Committee during the period under review:—

### 1977-78

A question of privilege regarding threat to Sardar Sukhdev Singh Dhillon, M.L.A., for demanding enquiry relating to embezzlement in the purchase of some insecticides raised by Comrade Satyapal Dang, M.L.A., on the 13th January, 1978, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House the same day.

The Committee presented its Report to the House on the 31st March, 1978. The House could not consider this Report till the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980, when the matter stood lapsed.

### 1978-79

A complaint was made to the Speaker on 18th May, 1978 by Sardar Sukhdev Singh Sukhladhi, M.L.A., against the Superintending Engineer, Punjab State Electricity Board, Bhatinda, regarding discourtesy shown to him when he went to see the said Officer in his office on 16th May, 1978. The Speaker referred the same to the Committee of Privileges the same day.

The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 22nd February, 1979.

The Speaker wrote a D.O. letter to the Chief Minister requesting him that the instructions already issued for showing proper courtesies to the Members of the Vidhan Sabha by the Officers when they call upon them, be reiterated. The Government issued instructions in this behalf accordingly.

2. Another complaint was made to the Speaker on 21st June, 1978 by Sardar Parkash Singh Majitha, M.L.A., against the Superintending Engineer, Punjab State Electricity Board, Amritsar, regarding discourtesy shown to him when he went to see the said officer in his office on 16th June, 1978. The Speaker referred the same to the Committee of Privileges the same day.

The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 22nd February, 1979. The Speaker while writing a D. O. letter to the Chief Minister about the similar matter raised by Sardar Sukhdev Singh Sukhladhi, M.L.A., made a mention therein of this case also.

3. A further complaint was made to the Speaker on 29th June, 1978 by Dr. Sadhu Ram, M.L.A., against the behaviour of an Under Secretary, Directorate of Local Bodies, Punjab, towards him when he entered the room of the said officer on 28th June, 1978. The Speaker referred the same to the Committee of Privileges the same day.

The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 30th March, 1979, who dropped the matter.

4. A complaint was made to the Speaker on 16th August, 1978 by Sardar Baldev Singh Mann, M.L.A., against the Deputy Secretary, Health Department, Punjab, regarding discourtesy shown to him when he went to see her in her office on 10th August, 1978. The Speaker referred the same to the Committee of Privileges the same day.

The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 19th September 1979. A D.O. letter was addressed to the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab requesting him to issue instructions to the officers for showing proper courtesies to the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha when they call upon them.

5. The question of privilege against Sardar Mohinder Singh Gill, President, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, for casting uncharitable aspersions on the conduct of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and especially making undignified and insulting remarks against the Speaker by calling him partial was raised by Sri A. Vishwanathan, M.L.A, on the 16th September, 1978, and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House the same day.

The House being not in Session and the Chairman having been authorised to do so by the Committee presented the Report to the Speaker on the 28th January, 1980, under rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, who directed that the matter be closed.

6. The question of privilege about the handcuffing of Comrades Mehtab Singh and Sarwan Singh, M.L.As, by the Police on 25th September, 1978 was brought to the notice of the Speaker by Comrade Satyapal Dang, M.L.A, on the 28th September, 1978 and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on the 10th November, 1978.

The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 6th February, 1980, who dropped the matter.

7. The complaint made to the Speaker on the 29th September, 1978 by Sardar Dalbir Singh, M.L.A., against the S.H.O., Fatehgarh Churian, regarding discourtesy shown to him when he visited police station, Fatehgarh Churian on 2.9.1978, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker the same day.

The Committee presented its Report to the Speaker on the 30th March, 1979, who dropped the matter.

**1979-80**

The question of privilege against Sardar Randhir Singh Cheema, Public Works Minister, for withholding of some information in reply to Question No. 132, while supplying the same in reply to Starred Question No. 820 was brought

to the notice of the Speaker by Sardar Dalip Singh Pandhi, M.L.A., on the 16th September, 1978, and was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on the 26th June, 1979.

The Report was made to the Speaker who dropped the matter.

2. The complaint made to the Speaker on the 27th July, 1979 by Sardar Shashpal Singh, M.L.A., against the Pension and Pay Master, Amritsar, regarding discourtesy shown to him in the Ajnala Rest House, Amritsar, by the said officer on the 16th July, 1979, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on the 7th August, 1979.

The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

3. The complaint made to the Speaker on the 10th November, 1979 by Sardar Swaran Singh Khasanwali, M.L.A., against the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, regarding discourtesy shown to him when he went to see the said officer on the 5th November, 1979, was referred to the Committee of Privileges the same day.

The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

4. The complaint made to the Speaker on the 12th November, 1979 by Sri A. Vishwanathan, M.L.A., against Sardar Gurdeep Singh, Chairman Improvement Trust, Ludhiana for abusing and holding of threats to kill him was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on the 23rd November, 1979.

The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 17th February, 1980.

5. The question of privilege regarding news item appearing in the Daily "Hind Samachar" (Urdu), dated 25th October, 1979 in connection with meetings of the Committees of the House held at Delhi was referred by the Speaker of his own to the Committee of Privileges on the 23rd November, 1979.

The matter stood lapsed on the dissolution of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 17th February, 1980.

## 24. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

I. The Committee for the year 1977-78 scrutinized 275 assurances given by the Ministers on the Floor of the House during the Monsoon Session, 1976, Budget and Summer Sessions, 1977 and Supplementary Statement No. II of assurances pertaining to different Sessions. Out of these, the Committee noted/dropped 35 and approved the remaining 240 assurances which were sent to the Administrative Secretaries concerned for intimating the manner in which and the extent to which the Government had implemented them. The Committee also scrutinized the interim replies/replies in respect of 321 assurances contained in the 19th Report and pertaining to Budget and Monsoon Sessions, 1976. Out of these, the Committee noted/dropped 148 assurances and made further observations on the remaining 173 assurances. Additionally, the Committee considered the statement showing the action taken by the Government on one Non-official and one official Resolution passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its Budget Session, 1975 and Monsoon Session, 1976 and noted the action taken on the first Resolution and made observation in regard to the action taken by the Government regarding the implementation of the latter.

The Committee on Government Assurances of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Vidhan Sabhas visited Chandigarh during the months of October and November, 1977, respectively and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee with regard to the scope and functions of the Committees of their respective Legislatures.

The Committee visited Rajasthan State in the month of February, 1978 and exchanged views with its counterpart in that State about matters of common interest.

The Committee presented its Twentieth Report to the House on the 31st March, 1978.

II. The Committee for the year 1978-79 scrutinised interim replies/replies to further observations, etc. in respect of 1094 assurances contained in the Twentieth Report, Budget and Summer Sessions, 1977, January and Budget (March) Sessions, 1978, Supplementary Statement No. 2 and one Resolution passed on the 31st March, 1977. Out of these, the Committee noted/dropped 405 assurances and made further observations on the remaining 689 assurances.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of four Departments in respect of the assurances concerning them which had been outstanding for more than one year.

The Committee on Government Assurances of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly visited Punjab and Chandigarh during the month of September, 1978 and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee with regard to the scope and functions of the Committees of their respective Legislatures.

The Committee visited Western and Southern States in the month of January, 1979 and exchanged views with its counterparts in those States about matters of common interest.

The Committee considered the matter regarding simplification of procedure regarding implementation of assurances and took up the matter with the Government.

The Committee presented its Twenty-first Report to the House on the 8th March, 1979.

III. The Committee for the year 1979-80 scrutinised 282 assurances given by the Ministers on the Floor of the House during the Monsoon Session, 1978 and Budget Session, 1979. Out of these, the Committee noted/dropped 73 and approved 209 assurances which were sent to the Administrative Secretaries concerned for intimating the manner in which and the extent to which the Government had implemented them. The Committee also scrutinised interim replies/replies to 490 assurances contained in the Twenty-first Report. Out of these, the Committee noted/dropped 263 assurances and made further observations on the remaining 227 assurances.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the seven Departments in respect of the assurances concerning them which had been pending for a long time.

The Committees on Government Assurances of the Karnataka Legislative Council and Karnataka Legislative Assembly visited Punjab and Chandigarh during the months of October, 1979 and November, 1979, respectively and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee with regard to the scope and functions of the Committees of their Legislatures.

The Committee resumed consideration of the matter regarding simplification of procedure concerning implementation of assurances in the light of the comments/reply received from the Government. The Committee constituted a Sub-Committee for consideration of this matter which submitted its Report to the whole Committee. The matter was further taken up with the Government and its comments were awaited. In the meantime, the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

Due to the dissolution of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980, the Committee could not present any Report.

## 25. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The rules scrutinised by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below yearwise :—

**1977-78**

**(17th Report)**

(i) The Punjab Silkworm Seed Control Rules, 1957, framed under the Punjab Silkworm Seed Control Act, 1953.

(ii) The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Rules, 1957, framed under the Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1955.

The Committees on Subordinate Legislation of Karnataka Legislature and Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla and New Delhi also.

The Committee also visited Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Diu, Karnataka and Kerala States and exchanged views with its counterparts in those States.

**1978-79**

**(18th Report)**

(i) The Prevention of Food Adulteration (Punjab) Rules, 1958, framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

(ii) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Conditions of Borrowing) Rules, 1977, framed under the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1976.

(iii) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Rights, Privileges and authority of auditor) Rules, 1977, framed under the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1976.

(iv) The Wild Life (Protection) Punjab Rules, 1975, framed under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(v) The Punjab Land Reforms Rules, 1973, framed under the Punjab Land Reforms Act, 1972.

(vi) The Punjab Livestock Improvement Rules, 1958, framed under the Punjab Livestock Improvement Act, 1953.

(vii) The Land Revenue Rules, 1909, framed under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887.

The Committee also scrutinised the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (General) Rules, 1962, framed under the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1961 but could not orally examine the Departmental Representatives and prepare its report for want of time.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Simla and Nangal also.

The Committee also visited Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat States and exchanged views with its counterparts in those States. The Committee also visited Rajasthan State.

**1979-80**

(i) The Punjab Gram Panchayat Election Rules, 1960, framed under the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952.

(ii) The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Cooption of Panches) Rules, 1978, framed under the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952.

(iii) The Punjab Panchayat Secretaries (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1979, framed under the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952.

(iv) The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (General) Rules, 1977, framed under the Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation Act, 1976.

(v) The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab Rules, 1978, framed under the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

The Committees on Subordinate Legislation of Karnataka Legislature and Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi also.

*Note.*—The above Rules were scrutinized by the Committee but it could not prepare its Report due to dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

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## 26. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(i) The Committee for the year 1977-78 considered certain suggestions received from the Members of the Vidhan Sabha regarding the facilities provided to them under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and the rules framed thereunder.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1978-79 did not hold any meeting.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1979-80 did not hold any meeting till the 17th February, 1980, when the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

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## 27. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee recommended purchase of books costing about Rs. 14,938.85 in 1977-78, Rs. 42,167.42 in 1978-79 and Rs. 76,644.27 in 1979-80. Besides, the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals and Magazines etc. for the Library. The Committee also suggested various measures for effecting improvements in the working of the Library.

The Committee for the year 1977-78 framed the Rules of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Library.

During the period under review, the Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Ludhiana, Amritsar and Jullundur also to select books from the local book sellers/ publishers for the Library. Besides, the Committee also held meetings at Simla in the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 to study the working of the Libraries of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha/Institute of Advanced Studies/Himachal Pradesh University etc.

The Library Committee of the Assam Legislative Assembly and Karnataka Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh to study the working of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Library/discussed matters of mutual interest with the Library Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in the year 1977-78 and 1979-80 respectively. In addition, the Library Committee of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha also visited the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Library in the year 1978-79.

## 28. HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period, the Committee considered matters regarding comforts and convenience of Members during their stay in the Hostel/Flats and paid special attention to the cleanliness of the M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-4, by getting it white-washed and distempered etc. at frequent intervals. Ornamental flowers were got planted in the lawns of the Hostel and regrassing done. Tube lights were provided in the corridors of M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-4 and in the Kitchen/pantry of the Canteen. Marble topping was provided in the pantry of the kitchen. Obsolete and unserviceable furniture of the M.L.As.' Hostel /Flats was replaced. Two folding beds, bed-side lights and loose covers for blankets have been provided in all the rooms of M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-4 and also in the 16 rooms in the quota of this Secretariat in the M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-3. In order to prevent unauthorised entry in the M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-4, barbed wire alongside hedges/walls around the Hostel was provided. A Dental Clinic was also set-up in the M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-4, for the convenience of hon. Members.

The Committee also considered suggestions for effecting improvements in the catering arrangements in the Canteen of the M.L.As.' Hostel, Sector-4. It was decided to keep fresh products of Dairy Development Corporation and sundry items such as soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, oil, blades etc. in the Hostel Canteen for supply to hon. Members on payment basis.

The House Committees of Kerala Legislature, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council and Maghalaya Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee regarding comforts and convenience provided to the Members. The Committee visited Simla and exchanged views with the House Committee of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha.

## 29. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(i) The Committee for the year 1977-78 considered a representation received from some residential Plot holders of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali) regarding the rate of interest being charged from them.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1978-79 visited New Delhi also and held discussion with the Committee on Petitions of the Lok Sabha regarding the scope and functions of the Committee. It also considered representations of allottees of residential plots in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali) and an ex-employee of the Social Welfare Department.

The Committee on Petitions of West Bengal Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1979-80 considered three petitions referred to it by the House on the 8th March, 1979 seeking amendment of the relevant laws for lowering of voting age from 21 years to 18 years for elections to the Municipal Corporations, Municipal Committees and Panchayats in the State.

The Committee could not present any Report to the House due to the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

The Committee on Petitions of Karnataka Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla and New Delhi also.

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## 30. COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

(i) The Committee for the year 1977-78 selected the following Departments for detailed examination in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

(1) Cooperation.

(2) Police.

(3) P.W.D. ( B & R Branch).

(4) P.W.D. (P.H. Branch).

(5) Industrial Training.

The Committee scrutinised the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in its Second and Fourth Reports.

The Committee presented its Sixth Report to the House on the 30th March, 1978, on the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Second Report.

The Committee also visited Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh States to study the facilities provided and welfare measures taken for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in these States.

(ii) Since the Committee for the year 1977-78 could not examine the Departments selected by it as the material was received late, the Committee for the year

1978-79 again selected the following Departments for detailed examination in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

(1) P.W.D. (B & R Branch).

(2) Cooperation.

(3) Police.

(4) Industrial Training.

In addition, the Committee selected the Cooperative Audit Department.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Departments in respect of the matters shown against each :—

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| 1. | P.W.D. (B. & R. Branch) .. | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the P.W.D. (B & R. Branch). |
| 2. | Co-operation .. | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Cooperation Department, Cooperative Audit Department, the Punjab State Co-operative Bank Ltd., and the Punjab State Land Mortgage Bank Ltd. |
| 3. | Police .. | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Police Department. |
| 4. | Industrial Training Department | Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Industrial Training Department. |

Having been authorised by the Committee to do so, the Chairman presented Seventh Report to the Speaker under rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab legislative Assembly) on the 21st March, 1979 as the House was not in Session. A copy of the Report was later laid on the Table of the House on the 16th April, 1979.

The Committee visited Bihar, Maharashtra and Goa, Daman and Diu States also to study the facilities provided and welfare measures taken for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in the States.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1979-80 examined the following Departments Public Undertakings :—

**Departments**

1. Excise and Taxation.
2. Transport.
3. Agriculture.
4. Local Government.

**Public Undertakings**

1. The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. and its Allied Units.

2. The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Departments/Public Undertakings in respect of the matters shown against each:—

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| 1. | Excise and Taxation | .. Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Excise and Taxation Department. |
| 2. | Irrigation and Power | .. Implementation of recommendations of the Committee contained in its Fifth Report. |
| 3. | Local Government | .. Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Local Government Department. |
| 4. | Education | .. (i) Implementation of recommendations contained in its Fourth Report; and<br>(ii) Non-preparation of Rosters in the Education Department. |
| 5. | Industries | .. Representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation. |

The Committee visited Simla, Narkanda, Kulu, Manikaran, Manali, Jogindernagar and Barot (Himachal Pradesh), New Delhi, Patiala, Pathankot and Gurdaspur.

The Committee also visited Amritsar to meet the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature and to exchange views on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee could not present any Report due to the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

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31. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE

1979-80

The Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table was nominated for the first time on the 15th June, 1979.

The Committee called for material, namely ; Acts and Rules/ Regulations, from the Administrative Secretaries to Government, Punjab, under which the Accounts /Reports/Statements of the autonomous bodies and statutory organisations are required to be so laid on the Table of the House.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Public Undertakings in regard to the laying of the Annual Reports, Audit Reports and Annual Accounts on the Table of the House :—

(1) The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation ;
(2) The Punjab Housing Development Board ;

(3) The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. ;

(4) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation ;

(5) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board;

(6) The Punjab State Electricity Board;

(7) The Punjab Financial Corporation ;

(8) The Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., and

(9) The Punjab Public Service Commission.

The Committee visited Delhi also.

The Committee drafted its Report but could not finalise it due to the dissolution of the Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980.

## 32. RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave rulings on or made observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 33. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various points of order, reference may be made to Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 34. APPENDIX

(For reference, please see "Legislation" at page 2 supra).

*List of Bills which were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha*

**Summer (First) Session, 1977**

1. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1977.
2. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1977.
3. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Second Amendment) Bill, 1977.
4. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1977.
5. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1977.
6. The Punjab Co-operative and Mortgage Banks and the Punjab Land Improvement Schemes (Amendment) Bill, 1977.

**Winter (Second) Session, 1978**

1. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1978.
2. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Amendment) Bill, 1978.
3. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1978.
4. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1978.
5. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1978

**Budget (Third) Session, 1978**

1. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1978.
2. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1978.
3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1978.
4. The Indian Electricity (Punjab Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1978.
5. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1978.

**Monsoon (Fourth) Session, 1978**

1. The Punjab Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1978.
2. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1978.
3. The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Amendment Bill, 1978.
4. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Third Amendment) Bill, 1978.

5. The Salary and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly Bill, 1978.

6. The Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Amendment Bill, 1978.

7. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1978.

8. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1978.

9. The Punjab State Legislature (Protection of Publication) Bill, 1978.

10. The Punjab Bhudan Yagna (Amendment) Bill, 1978.

11. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1978.

12. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 1978.

13. The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Amendment) Bill, 1978.

14. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1978.

15. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1978.

16. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1978.

17. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1978.

18. The Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation Bill, 1978.

19. The Punjab Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot (Acquisition) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 1978.

20. The Motor Vehicles (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1978.

21. The Punjab Agricultural Credit Operations and Miscellaneous Provisions (Banks) Bill, 1978.

22. The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Moveable Property Bill, 1978.

23. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Bill, 1978.

24. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1978.

25. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1978.

26. The Punjab Legislators (Modification of Allowances and other Amenities) Bill, 1978.

**Budget (Fifth)Session, 1979**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1979.
2. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1979.
3. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1979.
4. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1979.
5. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1979.
6. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1979.
7. The Court-fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1979.
8. The Punjab Package Deal Properties (Disposal) Amendment Bill, 1979.
9. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 1979.
10. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulations) Amendment Bill, 1979.
11. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Second Amendment Bill, 1979.
12. The Punjab Legislators (Allowances and Amenities) Modification Bill, 1979.

**Autumn (Sixth) Session, 1979**

1. The Punjab Women and Children Development and Welfare Corporation Bill, 1979.
2. The Punjab Commercial Crops Cess (Amendment) Bill, 1979.
3. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1979.
4. The Punjab Privately Managed Recognised Schools Employees (Security of Service) Bill, 1979.
5. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1979.
6. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Developmet and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1979.

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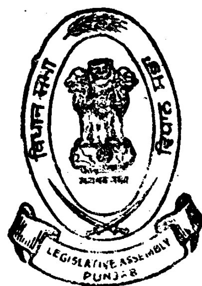
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## PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Eighth Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 27th June, 1980 to 6th October, 1983. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Eighth Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH : PARTAP SINGH,

The 18th July, 1985. Secretary.

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The Eighth Punjab Vidhan Sabha which met for the first time on the 27th June, 1980, consisted of 117 members elected from 117 constituencies.

During the period under review, i. e., the 27th June, 1980 to 6th October, 1983 when the Eighth Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation by a proclamation issued by the President, two bye-elections were held to fill the seats rendered vacant due to the death of Sardar Jasmat Singh Dhillon from Faridkot and Miss Sarla Prasher from Nangal. Smt. Jagdish Kaur from Faridkot and Shri Ram Parkash Bali from Nangal Constituencies were declared elected on the 20th May, 1982.

On the demise of Dr. Bhagat Singh, M. L. A., on 20th May, 1982 his seat fell vacant and has not been filled up so far.

Sardar Darbara Singh, M. L. A., who was declared elected as a member of the Rajya Sabha on 22nd March, 1984, resigned from the membership of the Vidhan Sabha on 18th March, 1984 and his seat also fell vacant.

The Election of Sardar Tej Singh, M. L. A., was held void by the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 735 (NCE) of 1982,—*vide* its judgement dated the 16th January, 1984. The Supreme Court also quashed the Judgement of the High Court which had upheld his election. The resultant vacancy has also not been filled up.

The Election of Sardar Harchand Singh, M. L. A., from Muktsar Constituency was held void by the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 3419 (NCE) of 1981,—*vide* its judgement, dated 29th November, 1984. The resultant vacancy has also not been filled up.

The Election of Sardar Surinder Singh Kairon, M. L. A., was held void by the High Court. The Supreme Court set aside the judgement of the High Court and upheld the election of the Member,—*vide* its judgement, dated 29th October, 1984 (Civil Appeal No. 463 of 1982 S. C.).

On the dissolution of the Seventh Vidhan Sabha on the 17th February, 1980, Sardar Ravi Inder Singh, who was the Speaker, continued as such upto the 27th June, 1980, under second proviso to Article 179 of the Constitution.

The Governor under article 180 (1) of the Constitution of India appointed Sardar Gurdarshan Singh, a member of the Eighth Vidhan Sabha to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178,—*vide* his order, dated the 12th June, 1980.

Subsequently, Shri Brij Bhushan Mehra, a member of the Eighth Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Speaker on the 1st July, 1980.

Sardar Gulzar Singh, another member of the Eighth Vidhan Sabha. was elected as Deputy Speaker on the 8th July, 1980.

During the period under review the Vidhan Sabha held in all 108 sittings spread over 7 (seven) Sessions, as follows :—

| Year | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1980 | 21 | .. | 21 |
| 1981 | 27 | 8 | 35 |
| 1982 | 24 | 6 | 30 |
| 1983 | 17 | 5 | 22 |
| | | | 108 |

These sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed Members of the Eighth Vidhan Sabha during its tenure.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhavan, Chandigarh.

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## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESS

There were four Special Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Vidhan Sabha beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in July, 1980. Each of these Addresses was discussed on Motion of Thanks. Notices of Amendments to the two Addresses delivered in 1980 and 1982 were proposed. The period of discussion and number of Amendments moved on each occasion are given below :—

| Year | Period | Amendments |
|---|---|---|
| 1980 | 4 days | 4 |
| 1981 | 5 days | — |
| 1982 | 4 days | 2 |
| 1983 | 4 days | — |

The amendments were moved by the Members of the opposition and these were lost.

The Motion of Thanks was carried in the form it was moved on each occasion.

## 3. LEGISLATION

### I. Official

The Eighth Vidhan Sabha passed 83 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows : —

| Year | Number of Bills |
|---|---|
| 1980 | 7 |
| 1981 | 33 |
| 1982 | 20 |
| 1983 | 23 |

The number of new Bills was two, of amending Bills 68 and of Appropriation Bills 13.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of Bills passed in the various sessions is given in the Appendix. For synopsis of these Bills, reference may be made to the Resume of different Sessions.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriation of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, in figures being Rs. 15,86,44,12,000 for 1980-81, Rs. 22,15,01,22,000 for 1981-82, Rs. 25,83,95,57,000 for 1982-83 and Rs. 22,77,13,39,000 for 1983-84.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills except the Appropriation Bills was 26 from the Treasury Benches and 22 from the Opposition Benches.

### II. Non-Official

Nil.

## 4. QUESTIONS

The following table gives the information about Questions: —

(a) **Starred—**

(i) (a) Total number of notices of Starred Questions received .. 5,360

(b) Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted .. 2,279

(c) Total number of Starred Questions answered orally .. 931

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (d) | Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 .. | 636 |
| | (e) | Total number of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions .. | 415 |
| | (f) | Total number of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the lists of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. .. | 297 |

**(b) Unstarred—**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (ii) | (a) | Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received .. | 896 |
| | (b) | Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted .. | 307 |
| | (c) | Total number of Unstarred Questions answered .. | 245 |
| | (d) | Total number of Unstarred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the lists of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. .. | 62 |

**(c) Short Notice—**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (iii) | (a) | Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received .. | 62 |
| | (b) | Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted .. | 21 |
| | (c) | Total number of Short Notice Questions answered .. | — |

## TABLE

The year-wise distribution of questions may be seen in the following Table :—

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given Notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supplementaries | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 | No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | No. of Unstarred Questions given notice of | No. of Unstarred Questions admitted | No. of Unstarred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1980 | 504 | 255 | 130 | 698 | 51 | 12 | 92 | 36 | 20 | 28 | 9 | — |
| 1981 | 2,173 | 920 | 311 | 1,413 | 267 | 240 | 351 | 146 | 128 | 22 | 9 | — |
| 1982 | 1,459 | 566 | 276 | 1156 | 163 | 16 | 313 | 83 | 56 | 8 | — | — |
| 1983 | 1,284 | 538 | 214 | 819 | 155 | 47 | 140 | 42 | 41 | 3 | 3 | — |

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

### I. Official

Eight official Resolutions were discussed and carried during the period under review. The subject-matter of each and the date of its discussion and its being carried are given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Fixation of Rs. 250 crores as the maximum amount which the Punjab State Electricity Board may at any time have on loan under Sub-section (3) of Section 65 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. | 9-7-1980 |
| 2. | Regulation of prevention of denudation of the forest wealth of the country, felling of trees in urban and rural areas and all matters connected therewith or ancillary and incidental thereto in the State of Punjab by the Parliament by law. | 24-8-1981 |
| 3. | Implementation of the Family Welfare Programme in the State of Punjab | 2-9-1981 |
| 4. | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to clause (2) of the Article 368 thereof, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Forty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 1982, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. | 17-9-1982 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 5. | Regulation by the Parliament by law, of matters with respect to which Parliament has no power to make laws for the State and adoption of the Estate Duty (Amendment) Act, 1982 (31 of 1982) for the State of Punjab. | 17-9-1982 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 6. | Expressing of warm greetings to the distinguished Heads of the States and other esteemed delegates from 101 countries of four Continents, assembled at New Delhi to attend the Seventh Non-aligned Summit. | 8-3-1983 |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 7. | Taking serious view of the growing tendency in the State of defiling and desecration of the sanctity of religious places and giving shelter to undesirable elements having unlicensed arms in holy places. | 25-3-1983 (Morning Sitting) |
| 8. | Fixation of Rs. 350 crores as the maximum amount which the Punjab State Electricity Board, may at any time, have on loan under Sub-section (3) of section 65 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. | 25-3-1983 (Afternoon Sitting) |

**II. Non-Official**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received | 574 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted | 331 |
| Total number of Resolutions discussed | 15 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | 5 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision was taken and which lapsed | 10 |

The year-wise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as under :—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1980 | 37 |
| 1981 | 297 |
| 1982 | 150 |
| 1983 | 90 |
| Total | 574 |

The number of Resolutions discussed was 1 in 1980, 6 in 1981, 6 in 1982 and 2 in 1983. These Resolutions were discussed on 14 days during the period under Review as given below;—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1980 | 1 |
| 1981 | 6 |
| 1982 | 6 |
| 1983 | 2 |

The subject matter of each Resolution is given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | This House recommends to the Government to take adequate steps for making the regular supply of raw material and uninterrupted electric power supply to the industry so that industry does not suffer in the Punjab State. | 22nd July, 1980 | Lapsed |
| 2. | With a view to ensure a reasonable passenger transport service to the public, this House recommends to the State Government to take steps for complete nationalisation of the passenger transport in the State. | 22nd January, 1981 (Morning sitting) | Carried |
| 3. | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government with the request that they should link Chandigarh with Ludhiana by rail. | —do— | Lapsed |
| 4. | Keeping in view the economy and financial burden on the State Exchequer, this House recommends to the Government that its subordinate offices located at Chandigarh in private buildings paying large sums as rents be shifted to Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar where the buildings are available at comparatively cheaper rents. | 29th January, 1981 (Afternoon Sitting) | Lapsed |
| 5 | This House recommends to the Government to take effective steps for the plantation of more trees in the State. | 5th February, 1981 (Afternoon Sitting) | Lapsed |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | This House recommends to the Government to enlist the co-operation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations so as to check and detect food adultera tion in the State. | 26th February, 1981 | Carried |
| 7. | This House recommends to the State Government to take steps for the introduction of a Crop Insurance Scheme in the State which should provide for the payment of premium from the State Exchequer on behalf of the farmers. | 27th August, 1981 | Lapsed |
| 8. | This House recommends to the Government to improve the conditions of the tourist resorts in the State so as to attract more tourists in the State. | 25th February, 1982 | Lapsed |
| 9. | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to popularise the sports and improve their standards in the State. | 4th March, 1982 | Lapsed |
| 10. | This House recommends to the Government to take further effective steps for stepping up the provision of house sites for landless and weaker sections of Society in the rural areas of the State, | 11th March, 1982 | Lapsed |
| 11. | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate and effective steps for providing regular power supply to industry for the development of the State economy. | 18th March, 1982 | Lapsed |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12. | With a view to make further effective use of underground water, this House recommends to the Government to take further steps under the National Programme for the use of underground water by resorting to extensive surveys for providing drinking water in the drought prone areas of the State. | 25th March, 1982 (Afternoon Sitting) | Lapsed |
| 13. | With a view to check the upward trend in the prices of foodgrains and other commodities, this House recommends to the Government to take drastic steps against the hoarders in the State. | 16th September, 1982 | Carried |
| 14. | While appreciating the efforts being made by the State Government to increase the generation of electricity, this House recommends to the State Government to take further steps to maximise power generation in the State with a view to implement the policy as envisaged in the 20-Point Programme. | 24th March, 1983 | Carried |
| 15. | This House recommends to the State Government to take further steps to provide drinking water to all the villages in the rural areas of the State with a view to implement the policy as envisaged in the 20-Point Programme. | 26th March, 1983 | Carried |

## III. OTHERS (JOINT RESOLUTION)

Additionally, one resolution not falling under the categories of official and non-official Resolutions, was discussed/carried. The subject-matter of the Resolution is given below :—

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed/ carried. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Government of India with the request that they should take immediate steps for establishing parity between the prices of Industrial goods and agricultural produce so that the returns on all inputs including labour and capital are remunerative. | 25th February, 1981 |

## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of Adjournment Motions received during the period under review was 115 (27 in 1980, 46 in 1981, 24 in 1982 and 18 in 1983). Of these, three were converted into Call Attention Notices (No. 16, 17 and 25) and were replied accordingly. In one case, a Call Attention Notice (No. 70) given by Comrade Raj Kumar on the same subject on which there was a notice for an Adjournment Motion was admitted and replied by the Chief Minister. In another case, the Adjournment Motion was disallowed but a copy thereof was sent to the Government and yet in another case an Adjournment Motion was converted into Call Attention Notice No. 35, but as it did not survive the ballot, it could not be included in any list of business. All the remaining 109 Adjournment Motions were disallowed.

## 7. NO CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

In all 10 notices of No-Confidence Motion against the Ministry were received during the period under review.

One notice was received on 30th January, 1981 and the leave to move the motion was granted on 4-2-1981 (Afternoon Sitting) but concerned M.L.A. did not move the motion.

Five notices expressing lack of confidence in the Council of Ministers received on 10th, 12th (two), 18th and 20th August, 1981 respectively were deemed to have been withdrawn as the Members who had given notices thereof were not present in the House, when called upon to seek leave of the House to move the motions on 24th August, 1981.

A notice expressing lack of confidence in the Council of Ministers was received on 24th August, 1981. The leave to move the motion was granted on 25th August, 1981. The motion was considered by the House on 25th August, 1981. The motion was put and lost.

Three notices were received on 28th January, 12th February and 24th February, 1982 respectively.

As the notice given by Sardar Dalip Singh Pandhi and Sardar Gurdev Singh Badal was premature, the same was returned.

The other notice was held in order, but the leave to move the motion was refused on the 18th March, 1982.

The third notice which was also held in order stood lapsed as the Hon. Member was not present in the House when called upon on 18th March, 1982.

## 8. MOTION REGARDING REPOSING OF FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

The leave to move the Motion reposing full confidence in the Council of Ministers was granted by the House on 4th February, 1981 (Afternoon Sitting).

An amendment was also moved to the said motion.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

## 9. CALL ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 706 matters relating to different subjects. Sessionwise break-up of these Call Attention Notices is given below :—

| Sr. No. | Session | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | First (Budget) Session, 1980 | 166 |
| 2. | Second (Budget) Session, 1981 | 168 |
| 8. | Third (Monsoon) Session, 1981 | 60 |
| 4. | Fourth (Budget) Session, 1982 | 185 |
| 5. | Fifth (Autumn) Session, 1983 | 44 |
| 6. | Sixth (Budget) Session, 1983 | 54 |
| 7. | Seventh (Autumn) Session, 1983 | 29 |
| | Total | 706 |

*Note.*—For details, reference may be made to the resume of different Sessions.

## 10. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all 14 notices of motions under Rule 77 (five in 1980, four in 1981 and five in 1982) were received, out of which ten were disallowed, one withdrawn and three, detailed below, were admitted :—

| Sr. No. | Subject | Notice received | Date on which discussed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Situation arising out of unexceptionable hike in the wholesale as well as retail prices of sugar. | 9-7-1980 | Not discussed |
| 2. | Situation arising out of the unprecedented increase in the wholesale and retail prices of sugar and inadequate quota of sugar given per head in the State. | 11-7-1980 | Not discussed |
| 3. | Situation arising out of the agreement regarding the distribution of water of Ravi-Beas signed on 31st December, 1981. | 26-2-1982 | 31-3-1982 (Morning Sitting) |

## 11. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

A total number of 29 notices seeking to raise Questions of Privilege were received/mentioned in the House (7 in 1980, 11 in 1981, 8 in 1982 and 3 in 1983).

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of 12 notices and 13 notices were disallowed by him. Four notices lapsed on prorogation. No Question of Privilege was referred to the Committee of Privileges.

The nature of Questions/complaints raised in the House, the date on which each was raised and the decision thereon are set out below :—

| Sr. No. | Nature of Question | Date | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Regarding a policy statement purported to have been made by the Minister for Finance at Dasuya on 6th July, 1980. | 16-7-1980 (Morning Sitting) | Speaker did not give his consent |
| 2. | Regarding Gherao of Punjab Assembly by Sardar Parkash Singh Badal and his associates. | 22-1-1981 (Morning Sitting) | Disallowed |
| 3. | Regarding supply of incomplete information in respect of unstarred question No. 167. | 27-8-1981 | Disallowed |

| Sr. No. | Nature of Question | Date | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Communication sent by the Officer on Special Duty, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Punjab, regarding the holding of the meeting for the formulation of code of conduct for the Legislators. | 16-3-1982 | Speaker did not give his consent |
| 5. | Communication sent by the Officer on Special Duty, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Punjab, regarding the holding of the meeting for the formulation of the code of conduct for the Legislators. | 17-3-1982 | The Speaker did not give his consent |
| 6. | The alleged mis-statement made by the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation about the alignment of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal. | 25-3-1982 | The Speaker did not give his consent |
| 7. | The alleged mis-statement made by the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation about the alignment of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal. | 26-3-1982 | The Speaker did not give his consent |
| 8. | Against the "Daily Punjab Kesri (Hindi)" for publishing news items in its issue, dated the 16th September, 1982 which according to them had cast aspersions on the Members of this august House. | 17-9-1982 | The Speaker did not give his consent |
| 9. | Regarding news item published in the Daily "Punjab Kesri (Hindi)" under the caption "Punjab Main Afsarshahi Kaa Raj-Vidhayakon Ka Kutton Sai Bhi Badtar Hal" in its issue, dated the 16th September, 1982. | 17-9-1982<br>26-3-1983 | The Speaker did not give his consent |
| 10. | Regarding the cassette displayed by Prof. Balwant Singh in the House. | 26-3-1983 | Disallowed |

## 12. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Four Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below:—

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| | Rs |
| 1980-81 | 15,15,85,77,000 |
| 1981-82 | 16,98,78,85,000 |
| 1982-83 | 19,18,68,04,000 |
| 1983-84 | 22,40,47,02,000 |

Six Supplementary Estimates, one each for the year 1980-81** and 1983-84 and two each for 1981-82 and 1982-83 were presented to and voted by the Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :—

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bill passed |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs | | |
| 1980-81 | 70,58,35,000 | 27-1-1981 | 30-1-1981 |
| 1981-82 (Ist Instalment) | 29,07,01,000 | 24-8-1981 | 26-8-1981 |
| 1981-82 (2nd Instalment) | 4,87,15,36,000 | 2-3-1982 | 5-3-1982 |
| 1982-83 (Ist Instalment) | 40,47,75,000 | 14-9-1982 | 15-9-1982 |
| 1982-83 (2nd Instalment) | 6,24,77,78,000 | 8-3-1983 | 14-3-1983 |
| 1983-84 | 36,66,37,000 | 6-9-1983 | 7-9-1983 (Morning Sitting) |

**Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations**

Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations for the years given below, and the Demands for the amounts shown, were carried on the dates given in the Table below :—

| Year (s) | Amount | Presented on | Discussed and carried on |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs | | |
| 1967-68 to 1971-72 | 38,00,22,155 | 5-2-1981 (Morning Sitting) | 11-2-1981 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 1966-67 and 1972-73 | 17,76,89,806 | 19-3-1982 | 24-3-1982 |
| 1973-74 | 24,32,69,182 | 8-9-1983 | 8-9-1983 |
| 1974-75 | 1,30,73,08,752 | 8-9-1983 | 8-9-1983 |
| 1975-76 | 1,29,22,25.035 | 8-9-1983 | 8-9-1983 |

***Foot Note.*—General Discussion was held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific grants were taken up for discussion in 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84,

*Note.*—For details, reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under Review.

## 13. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made 19 Statements on the floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. Number of statements made by each of them was as follows:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Minister | .. | 17 |
| Finance Minister | .. | 2 |

In addition, 128 statements were made in the House by various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these statements, reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 14. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review was 1216. The time taken thereon was 278 hours 35 minutes in 7 Sessions with 108 sittings excluding the ones when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha. Out of these speeches, 492 were made by the Members of Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 180 by Ministers, 194 by the Opposition Party [S.A.D. (L)] and 350 by other Opposition Groups including S.A.D. (T), C.P.I. C.P.(M), All India Communist Party, B.J.P. and Independent, the time taken in each case being 106 hours 47 minutes, 49 hours 35 minutes, 57 hours 11 minutes and 65 hours 2 minutes respectively.

The Year-wise break up of the above figures is given in the statement below:—

## 15. WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 75 Walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different groups during the period under review. The Table below gives the Session-wise figures :—

| Year | 1st Session | 2nd Session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1980 | 11 | — | 11 |
| 1981 | 14 | 9 | 23 |
| 1982 | 23 | 6 | 29 |
| 1983 | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| | | Total | 75 |

## 16. DIVISIONS

The total number of Divisions (all not recorded) during the period under review was 8, as given in the Table below :—

| | Not recorded |
|---|---|
| Budget (First) Session, 1980 | 1 |
| Budget (Second) Session, 1981 | 3 |
| Monsoon (Third) Session, 1981 | 1 |
| Budget (Fourth) Session, 1982 | 1 |
| Autumn (Fifth) Session, 1982 | — |
| Budget (Sixth) Session, 1983 | 1 |
| Autumn (Seventh) Session, 1983 | 1 |

## 17. COMMITTEES

In 1980, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees—

1. Business Advisory Committee.
2. Committee on Public Accounts.
3. Committee on Estimates.
4. Committee on Public Undertakings.
5. Rules Committee.
6. Committee of Privileges.
7. Committee on Government Assurances.

8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
9. General Purposes Committee.
10. Library Committee.
11. House Committee.
12. Committee on Petitions.
13. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.
14. Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the Table.

The Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 5 to 12 and 14 were nominated by the Speaker during the period 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83. The Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 2 to 4 and 13 were elected by the House during this period.

During the year 1983-84 all the above mentioned Committees were nominated by the Speaker in view of the motion passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in its meeting held on the 24th March, 1983 authorising the Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, to nominate the members to serve on the said Committees.

The Chairmen of the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 were appoined by the Speaker and in the case of Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 5 and 9, the Speaker was *ex-offfcio* Chairman. The Deputy Speaker was *ex-offico* Chairman of the Committee mentioned at Serial No. 11.

The Membership of these Committees is given below :—

| | 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84 (6-10-1983) |
|---|---|
| 1. Business Advisory Committee. | Speaker and not more than five other members. |
| 2. Committee on Public Accounts. | Not more than thirteen members. |
| 3. Committee on Estimates | Not more than thirteen members. |
| 4. Committee on Public Undertakings. | Not more than thirteen members. |
| 5. Rules Committee | Ten members, including the Speaker. |
| 6. Committee of Privileges. | Not more than twelve members. |
| 7. Committee on Government Assurances. | Not more than thirteen members. |
| 8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation. | Not more than thirteen members (including the Advocate General). |

| | |
|---|---|
| | 1980-81,, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84 (6-10-1983) |
| 9. General Purposes Committee. | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of Recognised Parties and Groups in the House and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker, |
| 10. Library Committee | Not more than nine members. |
| 11. House Committee | Deputy Speaker and eight other members. |
| 12. Committee on Petitions | Not more than thirteen members. |
| 13. Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the Table | Not more than ten members. |
| 14. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. | Not more than thirteen members. |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees Yearwise alongwith the number of Reports presented by each is given in the following statement :—

**STATEMENT**

| | Number of Meetings* | | | | No. of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | |
| 1. Business Advisory Committee. | 10 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 20 |
| 2. Committee on Public Accounts. | 44 | 107 | 109 | 43 | 27 |
| 3. Committee on Estimates. | 60 | 97 | 116 | 44 | 14 |
| 4. Committee on Public Undertakings. | 55 | [illegible]3 | 125 | 49 | 13 |
| 5. Rules Committee. | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | Nil |
| 6. Committee of Privileges. | 17 | 21 | 48 | 24 | Nil |

| | Number of Meetings* | | | | No. of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-83 | |
| 7. Committee on Government Assurances. | 46 | 75 | 74 | 55 | 3 |
| 8, Committee on Subordinate Legislation. | 44 | 82 | 46 | 15 | 3 |
| 9. General Purposes Committee. | 2 | Nil | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| 10. Library Committee. | 24 | 38 | 52 | 17 | Nil |
| 11. House Committee. | 18 | 43 | 29 | 12 | Nil |
| 12. Committee on Petitions. | 37 | 54 | 21 | 11 | Nil |
| 13. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. | 64 | 80 | 94 | 34 | 3 |
| 14. Committee on papers laid/to be Laid on the Table. | 15 | 57 | 55 | 32 | 3 |

*This information is upto 6th Octobcr, 1983 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

## 18. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During, the years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84, the Committee made recommendations about the date-wise programme, discussions of Demands for Grants and various other items of business before the House. The Committee presented to the House seven, six, five and two reports, respectively.

## 19. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

1. The Membership of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1980-81 to 1983-84 was thirteen.

2. The total number of meetings held yearwise alongwith the number of reports presented is given in the following statement :—

| Number of meetings. | | | | Number of Reports Presented. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | |
| 44 | 107 | 109 | *43 | 27 |

*(Upto 6th October, 1983)

3. (i) The Committee for the year 1980-81 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1975-76 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1975-76 (Civil and Revenue Receipts), questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the previous Committee. The Committee presented its Forty-First Report to the House on 26th February, 1981 on certain paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1972-73 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1972-73 (Civil).

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee on Public Accounts of Kerala Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee also held meetings in Himachal Pradesh (Simla and Narkanda) and New Delhi.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1981-82 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1975-76, 1977-78 and 1978-79 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1975-76, 1977-78 and 1978-79 (Civil and Revenne Receipts), questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the previous Committee. The Committee presented its Forty Second to Forty Eighth Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year. | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 42nd | 1972-73 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (B & R and Public Health Branches) | 16-3-1982. |
| 2. | 43rd | 1973-74 to 1978-79 (Civil) General Report | 16-3-1982. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | 44th | 1975-76 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Revenue Deptt. | 16-3-1982. |
| 4. | 45th | 1977-78 (Civil) relating to Food & Supplies Deptt. | 25-3-1982. |
| 5. | 46th | 1978-79 (Civil) relating to the Development & Panchayats Departments. | 23-3-1982. |
| 6. | 47th | 1975-76 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise and Taxation Department (Sales Tax). | 30-3-1982. |
| 7. | 48th | 1975-76 (Civil) relating to Industries Department. | 31-3-1982. |

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statement showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee appointed two Sub-Committees.

One Sub-Committee scrutinised the records of the Industries Department in respect of Para 3.7 of the Audit Report for the year 1975-76 (Civil).

The other Sub-Committee had discussion with the representatives of the Industries Department with regard to Para 3.5 of Audit Report for the year 1975-76 (Civil).

The Committee on Public Accounts of the Arunachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra Legislature, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Karnataka Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla, Narkanda (Simla District), Amritsar, Dehradun, Mussoorie, Dalhousie, Madhopur and New Delhi,

The Committee during its meetings at Simla also met its counterpart Committee of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha and exchanged views on the matters of mutual interest.

The Committee visited Maharashtra, Goa-Daman-Diu and Karnataka State and exchanged views on the matters of mutual interest with its counterpart Committee in Karnataka.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1982-83 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1973-74 to 1979-80 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1973-74 to 1979-80 (Civil and Revenue Receipts), questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the previous Committee. The Committee presented its Forty Ninth to Fifty Eighth Reports to the House as detailed below : —

| Sr. No. | Report | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year | Date of Presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 49th | 1973-74 and 1974-75 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Revenue Department. | 8-3-1983 |
| 2. | 50th | 1976-77 (Civil) relating to Food and Supplies Department. | 8-3.1983 |
| 3. | 51st | 1977-78 (Civil) relating to Industries Department. | 10-3-1983 |
| 4. | 52nd | 1973-74 to 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise and Taxation Department (State Excise Duties). | 11-3-1983 |
| 5. | 53rd | 1977-78 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Revenue Department. | 17-3-1983 |
| 6. | 54th | 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1976-77 to 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise and Taxation Department (Entertainment Duty/Tax). | 24-3-1983 |
| 7. | 55th | 1973-74 to 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise & Taxation Department (Passengers and Goods Tax). | 24-3-1983 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8. | 56th | 1973-74 & 1975-76 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department. | 24-3-1983 |
| 9. | 57th | 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department. | 24-3-1983 |
| 10. | 58th | 1978-79 (Civil) relating to Local Government Department. | 25-3-1983 |

The House being not in Session and the Chairman having been authorised to do so by the Committee, presented its Fifty-Ninth to Sixty Seventh Reports on 31st March, 1983 to the Speaker under Rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) read with direction dated 2nd April, 1968 who ordered its printing, publication and distribution. A copy each of these Reports was subsequently laid by the Secretary on the Table of the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year | Date on which laid on the Table of the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 59th | 1973-74 to 1978-79 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise and Taxation Department (Sales Tax) | 6-9-1983 |
| 2. | 60th | 1974-75 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Deptt. | 6-9-1983 |
| 3. | 61st | General Report | 6-9-1983 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | 62nd | 1973-74, 1974-75, 1976-77, 1978-79 and 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Revenue Department | 6-9-1983 |
| 5. | 63rd | 1973-74 to 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Education Department | 6-9-1983 |
| 6. | 64th | 1975-76 and 1976-77 (Civil) relating to Health and Family Welfare Department | 6-9-1983 |
| 7. | 65th | 1973-74 to 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Co-operation Department | 6-9-1983 |
| 8. | 66th | 1973-74, 1974-75, 1976-77 1978-79 and 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Industries Department | 6-9-1983 |
| 9, | 67th | General Report | 6-9-1983 |

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports,

The Committee appointed two Sub-Committees—

One Sub-Committee held discussion with regard to the working of the Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project.

The other Sub-Committee scrutinised the files of Public Works Department (Public Health Branch) relating to Para 3.9 of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1978-79 (Civil).

The Committee on Public Accounts of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at Madhopur, Gurdaspur, Simla, Narkanda/Koti (Simla District), Nangal, Ropar, New Delhi, Batala and Srinagar/Harwan/Mansval lake/Gulmarg/Pahalgam.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1983-84 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs in respect of the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77 1977-78 and 1979-80 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) as

also Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the years 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 (Civil), questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the Committee for the previous years.

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier reports.

The Committee held meetings at Madhopur, Jammu, Simla, Narkanda, Koti (Simla district) and New Delhi.

The Committee during its meetings at Simla also met its counterpart Committee of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha and exchanged views on the matters of mutual interest.

The Committee could not prepare/present any report till the 6th October, 1983 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

## 20. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 1980-81 examined the Budget Estimates of the Forests Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1980-81 (First Instalment).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its Report on the Budget Estimates for the year 1980-81 in respect of the Forests Department to the Speaker on the 30th March, 1981, in addition to the Report on the Supplementary Estimates (First Instalment), 1980-81 presented to the House on the 27th January, 1981.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee on Estimates of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla, New Delhi, Nainital (U.P.), Ferozepur, Zira, Moga and Fatehpur Sikri (U.P.).

(ii) The Committee for the year 1981-82 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

1. Irrigation and Power Department (Thein Dam Project); and
2. Industries Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1981-82 (First and Second Instalments).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on the 18th March, 1982 and 30th March, 1982 on the Budget Estimates for the year 1981-82 in respect of the Departments mentioned at Nos. 1 and 2 above, respectively, in addition to the Reports on the Supplementary Estimates (First and Second Instalments) 1981-82 presented to the House on the 24th August, 1981, and 2nd March, 1982 respectively.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee on Estimates of the Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh State Legislatures visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at Simla, New Delhi, Nangal Township, Madhopur, Thein Dam, Amritsar, Jullundur, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bhatinda, Bombay, Panaji, Mysore, Hyderabad, Nanded (Maharashtra) and Talwara.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1982-83 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

1. Hospitality Department;
2. Tourism Department;
3. General Administration Department (Punjab Bhawan, New Delhi, Punjab House, New Delhi and Kapurthala House, New-Delhi);
4. Home Affairs and Justice (Police) Department; and
5. Health and Family Welfare Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1982-83 (First and Second Instalments).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in various earlier Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its four Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1982-83 in respect of the Departments mentioned at Nos. 1 to 4 above on 22-3-83, 24-3-83, 25-3-83 and 25-3-83, respectively and also presented its Report on the Budget Estimates for the year 1982-83 in respect of the Department mentioned at No. 5 above to the Speaker on 31-3-83, in addition to the reports on the Supplementary Estimates (First and Second Instalments), 1982-83, presented to the House on the 14th September, 1982 and 8th March, 1983 respectively.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee on Estimates of the Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim. Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu States visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at Amritsar, Patiala, Simla, Faridkot, Moga, Ferozepur, New Delhi, Sangrur, Jullundur, Jaipur, Ludhiana, Madhopur, Thein Dam site, Pathankot, Jugyal, and Bhatinda.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1983-84 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:—

1. General Administration (Punjab Civil Secretariat); and
2. Transport Department (Commercial Wings).

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1983-84 (First Instalment)

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates (First Instalment) for the year 1983-84 to the House on 6th September, 1983.

The Committee could not prepare/present any Report on the Budget Estimates for the year 1983-84 in respect of any of the Departments mentioned at Nos. 1 and 2 above till the 6th October, 1983, when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at Nanital, Shimla and New Delhi.

## 21. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 1980-81 examined the General Working of the Punjab Housing Development Board and presented its Report (Twenty Second) thereon to the House on the 31st March, 1981.

Besides, the Committee examined the audit paras contained in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor -General of India on the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Small Industries Corporation Ltd., but could not prepare its report for want of time.

The Committee also examined the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India on the Appropriation Accounts for the year 1977-78 (Commercial) and framed questionnaire on the Audit Paragraphs appearing therein in respect of the following Corporations :—

1. The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation ; and
2. The Punjab Film and News Corporation Ltd.

The Committee presented to the House on the 4th February, 1981 and the 27th February, 1981, respectively its Twentieth and Twenty First Reports on the Audit paras appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd., and the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its allied Units. These reports were prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before the earlier Committee.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinized the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various reports of the Committee.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1981-82 examined the General Working of the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its allied Units and presented its 24th and 25th Reports on the 29th and 31st March, 1982, respectively. The Committee also examined the General Working of the Punjab Civil Supplies Corporation, but for want of time could not prepare its Report.

Besides, the Committee examined the Audit paras contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Appropriation Accounts for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 and 1977-78 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab Dairy Development Corporation Ltd., and presented its 23rd Report on the 29th March, 1982, in respect of the Audit Paras appearing in the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Reports for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77. The Committee could not prepare its report in respect of the Audit Paras appearing in the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India's Report for the year 1977-78 for want of time.

The Committee also scrutinized the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee (both Audit and General Working).

(iii) The Committee for the year 1982-83 examined the General Working of the Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab State Tubewell Corporation, Punjab Tourism Development Corporation and orally examined the representatives of the Gevernment Departments/Public Undertakings. However, the Committee could not prepare its reports on the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd., and Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., for want of time. The Committee presented its 26th report to the House on the 17th September, 1982, on the Projects of the Punjab State Electricity Board. The Committee also presented its 31st Report on the General Working of Punjab State Electricity Board to the Hon'ble Speaker on the 31st March, 1983.

Besides. the Committee examined the audit paras contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1973-74, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 (Commercial) relating to the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Punjab Poultry Development Corporation and Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation and prepared and presented the following reports :—

| Date on which presented | Subject of the Report |
|---|---|
| 22-3-1983 | 27th Report on the Audit Paras appearing in the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India's Reports for the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 relating to the Pepsu Road Tiansport Corporation ; |
| 22-3-1983 | 28th Report on Audit Paras appearing in the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Report for the year 1975-76 relating to the Punjab Poultry Development Corporation and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation ; |
| 24-3-1983 | 29th Report on Audit Paras appearing in the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India's Report for tne year 1973-74 relating to the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation ; and |
| 26-3-1983 | 30th Report on the Audit Paras appearing in the Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Report for the year 1973-74 relating to the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation. |

In the case of Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation, the Committee could not prepare its report for want of time.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various reports of the Committee (both Audit and General Working).

(iv) The Committee for the year 1983-84 undertook the horizontal examination of a few common aspects of all the Public Undertakings and called for the material. The Committee completed the oral examination of the representatives of Punjab Financial Corporation, but it could not prepare and present its Report as the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation with effect from 6th October, 1983.

The Committee prepared 32nd Report on the General Working of the Punjab Tourism Development Corporation on the basis of the evidence tendered before the earlier Committee and presented the same to the House on the 6th September, 1983.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinized the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various reports of the Committee (both Audit and General Reports).

**Statement showing the number of sittings held by the Committee yearwise.**

| 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 83 | 125 | 49<br>Upto 6th October, 1983, when the Sabha was placed under suspended animation. |

**Number of reports presented yearwise**

| 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 |

**Meetings held by the Committee at places other than Chandigarh.**

| Year | Place |
|---|---|
| 1980-81 | New Delhi, Naini Tal and Fatehpur Sikri. |
| 1981-82 | New Delhi, Simla, Bhatinda, Nangal Township, Joginder Nagar-Barot, Manali, Rohtangpass, Sundernagar, Ludhiana, Jullundur, Amritsar, Patiala and Gurdaspur. |
| 1982-83 | Nangal, Ropar, Talwara, Madhopur, Joginder Nagar, Simla, Delhi, Bhatinda, Ludhiana, Pathankot, Batala, Amritsar, Khanna, Gangtok, Jullundur, Ferozepur, and Patiala. |
| 1983-84 | New Delhi, Simla, Koti, Madhopur, Ropar, Anandpur-Sahib, Nangal, Talwara and Srinagar (J. and K. State). |

## 22. RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee for the year 1980-81 held only one meeting and did not present any Report.

The Committee for the year 1981-82 held a total number of six meetings and scrutinised the Rules of Procedure. It did not present any report.

The Committee for the year 1982-83 held only one meeting and discussed some decisions taken by the Committee for 1981-82. It did not present any report.

The Committee for the year 1983-84 held a total number of 3 meetings up to the 6th October, 1983, when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation. It discussed the issue of bringing Markfed etc., within the purview of the Committee on Public Undertakings.

## 23. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

No question of privilege was referred to the Committee during the period under review.

## 24. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

(i) The Committee for the year 1980-81 scrutinized the interim replies/replies received from the Government in respect of Assurances contained in the 21st Report and also scrutinized the Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 1978, Budget Session, 1979, Autumn Session, 1979, Budget Session, 1980 and Supplementary Statements relating to various Sessions. The Committee noted/dropped 1018 assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon.

The Committee on Government Assurances of Kerala Vidhan Sabha visited Chandigarh during the month of September, 1980 and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee with regard to the scope and functions.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of 4 Departments in respect of the Assurances concerning them which had been outstanding for more than 1 year.

The Committee presented its 22nd Report to the Speaker on 31st March, 1981.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1981-82 scrutinised interim replies/replies to further observations etc., in respect of Assurances contained in the 21st Report, Monsoon Session, 1978, Budget and Autumn Sessions, 1979, Budget Session, 1980 and the Supplementary Statements relating to various Sessions. The Committee also approved the Assurances given by the Ministers on the Floor of the House during the Budget and Monsoon Sessions, 1981 and Supplementary Statements relating to various Sessions. The Committee dropped 420 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon.

The Committee on Government Assurances of West Bengal Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh during the month of July, 1982 and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of common interest.

The Committee presented its 23rd Report to the House on 31st March, 1982.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1982-83 scrutinised interim replies/replies etc., in respect of all the 689 assurances of Budget Session, 1981, 117 assurances of Monsoon Session, 1981 and some assurances of 22nd Report. The Committee also approved the assurances given by the Ministers on the Floor of the House during the Budget Session, 1982 and Autumn Session, 1982 and Supplementary Statement No. 5,6 and 7 relating to different Sessions. The Committee dropped 389 assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon.

The Committees on Government Assurances of Andhra Legislative Assembly and Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh during the month of July, 1982 and October, 1982 respectively and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee with regard to the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Punjab Committee on Government Assurances visited Bombay during the month of November, 1982 and exchanged views with the Maharashtra Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of three Departments in respect of the Assurances concerning them which had been outstanding for more than one year.

The Committee presented its 24th Report to the House on 22nd March, 1983.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1983-84 scrutinised interim replies /replies etc., in respect of 309 assurances of 23rd Report, 37 assurances of Monsoon, 1981 and 281 assurances of Budget Session, 1982. The Committee also approved the assurances given by the Ministers on Floor of the House during the Budget Session, 1983 and Supplementary Statement No. 8 relating to Autumn Session, 1982. The Committee dropped 166 assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon.

The Punjab Committee on Government Assurances visited Gangtok (Sikkim) during the month of August, 1983 and exchanged views with the Committee of that State on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of 4 Departments in respect of the Assurances concerning them which had been outstanding for more than one year.

The Committee could not present any report as the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation w.e.f. 6th October, 1983.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

| 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Not more than 13 Members | Not more than 13 Members | Not more than 13 Members | Not more than 13 Members |

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE

| 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | Number of Reports Presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 75 | 74 | 55 | 3 |

(Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation w.e.f. 6th October, 1983)

25. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The rules scrutinised by the Commiitee during the period under review are mentioned below, yearwise;—

1980-81

(i) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Conduct of Business) Rules, 1980 framed under the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1976.

(ii) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Conditions of Service of Directors) Rules, 1980, framed under the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Act, 1976.

(iii) The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Grant of Advance to Members) Rules, 1979.

(iv) The Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970.

The Committee held meetings at Kulu, Manikaran, Manali, Rohtang and New Delhi also.

The Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Kerala Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

No report could, however, be presented for the said year.

*Note* :—Rules at Serial Nos. (i) and (ii) were scrutinised. However, the Committee could not examine orally the representatives of the concerned Department for want of time. A part of Rules at Serial No. (iv) was scrutinised.

1981-82

(i) The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Grant of Advance to Members), Rules, 1979.

(ii) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Conduct of Business) Rules, 1980.

(iii) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Conditions of Service of Directors) Rules, 1980.

(iv) The Punjab State Education Class III (School Cadre) Service Rules, 1978.

(v) The Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970.

(vi) The Punjab Civil Services (Premature Retirement) Rules, 1975.

*(vii) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri, Manali, Rohtang-pass, Manikaran, Bangalore and Trivandrum also.

The Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Assam Legislative Assembly, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee presented its Nineteenth and Twentieth Reports to the House on the 27th August, 1981 and the 30th March, 1982 respectively.

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**Note*:—Only a part of thc Rules was scrutinised.

1982-83

(i) The Punjab Privately-Managed Recognised Schools Employees (Security of Service) Rules, 1981.

(ii) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963.

(iii) The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Cooption of Panches) Rules, 1978.

(iv) The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (General) Rules, 1977.

(v) The Punjab Panchayat Secretaries (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1979.

**(vi) The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab Rules, 1978.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Jaipur, Udaipur and Nathdwara (Distt Udaipur) also.

The Committee presented its Twenty first Report to the House on the 25th March, 1983.

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***Note*:—Only a part of the Rules was scrutinised.

1983-84

The Committee had selected the following Rules/Regulations for scrutiny but could not proceed with the work as the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation on 6th October 1983 :—

(i) The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab Rules 1978.

(ii) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963.

(iii) The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Investment of Surplus Moneys) Rules, 1979.

(iv) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Submission of Annual Report) Rules, 1982.

(v) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Provident Fund) Rules, 1982.

(vi) The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Appointment of Committees) Regulations, 1979.

(vii) The Punjab Veterinary Council Rules, 1982 framed under the Punjab Veterinary Council Act, 1981.

(viii) The Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation (General) Rules, 1982, framed under the Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation Act, 1978.

(ix) The Punjab Civil Services (Revised Scales of Pay) Rules, 1979.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi and Simla also.

The Committee could not prepare/present any Report.

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## 26. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(i) The Committee for the year 1980-81 considered certain suggestions received from the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha concerning the facilities provided to them under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and Rules framed thereunder.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1981-82 did not hold any meeting.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1982-83 considered the following items:—

(a) Suggestion regarding increase in the Kilometerage allowance in respect of journeys performed by car by M.L.As.

(b) Suggestion regarding simplification of procedure for grant of advances for House Building and purchase of houses and cars for Members.

(c) Suggestion regarding priority quota for allotment of Scooters and Cars to Legislators.

(d) Suggestion regarding allotment of Plots to Members at Mohali/Chandigarh for construction of Houses;

(e) Suggestion regarding grant of rent to Members who go on tours.

(f) Provision of desert coolers in the M.L.As.' Hostel;

(g) Issue of Rail Travel Coupons to M.L.As.; and

(h) Matter regarding allotment of accommodation to Members in Punjab Bhavan, New Delhi.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1983-84 did not hold any meeting till the 6th October, 1983 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

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## 27. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The committee is nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker. It consists of nine members one of whom is appointed as Chairman of the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The total number of sittings held year-wise is given below:—

| 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | Reports presented. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 38 | 52 | 17 | Nil |

The Committee recommended the purchase of books costing about Rs 90,940.86 in 1980-81, Rs 1,26,050.22 in 1981-82, Rs 98, 328.79 in 1982-83 and Rs 55,143.07 in 1983-84. Besides, the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals and magazines etc. for the Library. The Committee also suggested various measures for effecting improvements in the working of the Library.

During the period under review the Committee held meetings at New Dehli to select books from the local Book Sellers/Publishers for the Library. Besides, the Committee also held meetings at Shimla in the year 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83.

The Library Sub-Committee of the Bihar Vidhan Sabha and Library Advisory Committee of Kerala Legislature visited Chandigarh to study the working of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Library, discussed matters of mutual interest with the Library Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in the year 1981-82 and 1982-83 respectively.

## 28. HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period, the Committee considered matters regarding comforts and convenience of Members during their stay in the Hostel/ Flats and paid special attention to the cleanliness of M.L.A.s' Hostel, Flats and M.L.A's., Canteen by getting them white washed and distempered etc. at frequent intervals. Mowing of lawns and trimming of grass was regularly done in the M.L.A.s' Hostel and M.L.A.s' Flats. Ornamental flowers were got planted in the lawns of the Hostel. Obsolete and unserviceable furniture of the M.L.As.' Hostel/Flats was replaced. Pedestal fans in all the 38 M.L.A.s' Flats were provided. Six Portable tables were provided in M.L.A.s' Hostel Canteen. 25 hard beds, 75 steel beds, 150 towels and some curtains were provided in M.L.A.s' Hostel/Flats. 152 caned chairs were also provided for M.L.A.s' Flats. 144 blankets were provided in M.L.A.s' Hostel 16 Desert Coolers were also provided in room Nos. 41—56 of M.L.A.s' Hostel, Sector 4. The tubes and bulbs which were unserviceable were also replaced in the M.L.A.s' Hostel and Flats.

The Committee also considered suggestions for effecting improvements in the catering arrangements in the M.L.A.s' Hostel Canteen. It was decided to improve quality of food stuff to Members at M.L.A.s' Hostel Canteen.

The House Committees of the Lok Sabha and Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Members of the Punjab House Committee regarding the comforts and convenience provided to the Members. The Committee also visited Jaipur, Tamil Nadu, Kerela and exchanged views with the Speakers of the Tamil Nadu and Kerala Legislative Assemblies and also with the House Committees of Rajasthan and Kerala Legislative Assemblies. The Committee also exchanged views with the Deputy Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly regarding facilities provided to Members in the M.L.A.s' Hostel.

The number of meetings of the House Committee held are given below year-wise :—

| Year | Number of meetings |
|---|---|
| 1980-81 | 18 |
| 1981-82 | 43 |
| 1982-83 | 29 |
| 1983-84 (upto 6th October, 1983 when the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation). | 12 |

The strength of the House Committee is given below :—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1980-81 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members. |
| 1981-82 | Do |
| 1982-83 | Do |
| 1983-84 | Do |

## 29. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(i) The Committee for the year 1980-81 met its counter-part Committee of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly and discussed with them matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri and Rajasthan also.

The Committee did not present any report.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1981-82 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee discussed with Hon'ble Speaker the various aspects of the question relating to the widening of the scope and functions of the Petitions Committee.

(iii) The Committee did not present any report.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1982-83 considered a representation received from the President, Houses Owners Association Phase-I, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

The Committee did not present any report.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1983-84 re-considersd the representation received from the President, House Owners Association, Phase-I, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

The Committee visited Dharamsala, Joginder Nagar and Manali.

The Committee did not present any Report till the 6th October, 1983, when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

## 30. COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES.

(i) 1980-81

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 1980-81, examined the following Departments for detailed examination in connection with representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

1. Agriculture;
2. Local Government alongwith the Municipal Corporations and Improvement Trusts in the cities of Amritsar, Jalandhar and Ludhiana;
3. Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes;
4. Health.;
5. Education;

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/ observations contained in the 5th Report of the Committee.

The Committee presented its Eighth Report to the House on 10th February, 1981.

The Committee visited New Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Simla, Narkanda, Chail, Patiala, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Lucknow and Varanasi.

(ii) 1981-82

The Committee for the year 1981-82, examined the following Departments, Public Undertakings and Statutory body in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

1. Agriculture;
2. Local Government;
3. Technical Education;
4. Transport;
5. Irrigation; and
6. Revenue.

PUBLIC UNDERTAKING

The Punjab State Small Industries Corporation.

STATUTORY BODY

The Punjab School Education Board.

The Committee presented its Ninth Report to the House on the 26th March, 1982.

The Committee visited Simla, Narkanda and New Delhi.

(iii) 1982-83

The Committee for the year 1982-83 examined in detail the following Public Undertakings/Statutory Body in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof :—

PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS.

1. The Punjab Housing Development Board;
2. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation; and
3. The Puujab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

STATUTORY BODY

The Punjab School Education Board.

The Committee presented its Tenth Report to the House on the 22nd March, 1983 (Afternoon Sitting)

The Committee visited New Delhi, Kulu, Mani Karan, Manali, Rohtangpass, Simla, Chail, Siliguri, Gangtok, Darjeeling Calcutta and Port Blair.

(iv) **1983-84**

The Committee for the year 1983-84 resumed detailed examination of the following Departments in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof as the examination of which could not be completed by its predecessor Committee during the year 1982-83:—

1. P.W.D. (Irrigation Branch);
2. Revenue;
3. Health and Family Welfare; and
4. Industries.

The Committee also examined the following Department/ Public Undertaking in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts hereof :—

**Department**

Public Relations

**Public Undertaking**

The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and its Allied Units.

The Committee could not prepare/present any Report till the 6th October, 1983 when the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

The Committee visited New Delhi, Madhopur and Nainital.

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31. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE.

The work done by the Committee during the period under review is mentioned below year-wise :—

1980-81·

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Public Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies, in regard to the laying of the Annual Reports, Audit Reports, and Annual Accounts on the table of the House :—

(1) The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Limited:

(2) The Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited.

The Committee held meetings at Delhi also.

The Committee presented its First Report on the 17th March, 1981 to the Speaker under rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

1981-82

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Public Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies in regard to laying of the Annual Reports, Audit Reports and Annual Accounts on the Table of the House :—

(1) The Punjab Film and News Corporation Limited;

(2) The Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Limited;

(3) The Punjab State Small Industries Corporation Limited;

(4) The Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation Limited;

(5) The Punjab State Warehousing Corporation;

(6) The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation ;

(7) The Punjab School Education Board ;

(8) The Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.;

(9) The Punjab Agricultural University.

The Committee also considered the laying of the Annual Reports of various Public Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies, on the Table of the House.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Simla and in Jammu and Kashmir State also.

The Committee presented its Second Report to the House on the 25th March, 1982.

**1982-83**

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the following Public Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies in regard to the laying of the Annual Reports, Audit Reports and Annual Accounts on the Table of the House:—

(1) The Punjab Poultry Development Corporation;

(2) The Punjab State Hosiery and Knitwear Corporation;

(3) The Punjab State Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution;

(4) The Punjab Dairy Development Corporation;

The Committee also considered the laying of the Annual Reports of various Public Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Bombay, Panaji, Bangalore, Brindavan Garden, Madras and Hyderabad also.

The Committee presented its Third Report to the House on the 18th March, 1983.

**1983-84**

The Committee considered the laying of the Annual Reports and Accounts of various Public Undertakings and Autonomous Bodies, on the Table of the House.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Bombay and Panaji also.

The Committee could not prepare/present any report till 6th October, 1983 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

32. RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave rulings on or made observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

33. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various Points of Order, reference may be made to Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 34. APPENDIX

(For reference, Please see "Legislation" at page-4 supra)

*List of Bills which were passed by Punjab Vidhan Sabha.*

**Budget (First) Session, 1980**

1. The Punjab Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1980.
3. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1980.
4. The Punjab Courts (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
5. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1980.
6. The Punjab Nurses Registration (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1980.
7. The Punjab Medical Registration (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1980.

**Budget (Second) Session, 1981**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1981.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1981.
3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1981.
4. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
5. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
6. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1981.
7. The Punjab Homeopathic Practioners (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1981.
8. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
9. The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
10. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
11. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
12. The Punjab Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1981.
13. The Punjab Wakfs (Extension of Limitation) (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1981.

14. The Punjab New Mandi Townships (Development and Regulation) Amendment and Validation Bill, 1981.

15. The Punjab Veterinary Council Bill, 1981.

16. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1981.

**The Monsoon (Third) Session, 1981**

1. The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1981.

2. The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1981.

3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1981.

4. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Second Amendment Bill, 1981.

5. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 1981.

6. The Punjab Urban Estates (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1981.

7. The Pharmacy (Punjab Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1981.

8. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1981.

9. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1981.

10. The Punjab Land Improvement Schemes (Amendment) Bill, 1981.

11. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1981.

12. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 1981.

13. The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1981.

14. The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Amendment Bill, 1981.

15. The Dentists (Punjab Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1981

16. The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1981.

17. The Punjab Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1981.

**Budget (Fourth) Session 1982**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1982.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1982.

3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1982.

4. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1982.

5. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

6. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

7. The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water Supply) Fees (Repealing) Bill, 1982.

8. The Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

9. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1982.

10. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

11. The Punjab Legislators (Allowances and Amenities) Modification Bill, 1982.

**Autumn (Fifth) Session, 1982**

1. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

2. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Second Amendment Bill, 1982.

3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1982.

4. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 1982

5. The Punjab Borstal (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

6. The Punjab Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Development (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

7. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

8. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

9. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

**Budget (Sixth) Session, 1983**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1983.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1983.

3. The Punjabi University (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

4. The Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service) Amendment Bill, 1983.

5. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

6. The Northern India Ferries (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1983.

7. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

8. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment, Bill, 1983.

9. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill 1983.

10. The Punjab Ex-servicemen Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

11. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1983.

**Autumn (Seventh) Session, 1983**

1. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

2. The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

3. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

4. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill. 1983.

5. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1983.

7. The Punjab Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Bill, 1983.

8. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

9. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1983.

10. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1983.

11. The East Punjab Ministers Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1983.

12. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1983.

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SEPTEMBER, 1989

# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Ninth Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 14th October, 1985 to 11th May, 1987. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Ninth Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

G. L. KAUL,
Secretary.

Chandigarh:
The 13th September, 1989.

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# 1. THE ASSEMBLY: ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The 9th Vidhan Sabha consisting of 117 Members elected from 117 constituencies was constituted—,*vide* Election Commission of India Notification No. 308/PB/85, dated 29th September, 1985. It met for the first time on the 14th October, 1985.

During the period under review, i.e., from the 14th October, 1985 to 11th May, 1987 (the date on which the 9th Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation by a proclamation issued by the President of India) three seats were rendered vacant due to the passing away of Sardar Sant Singh from Beas Constituency, Shri Manmohan Kalia from Jalandhar Central Constituency and Sardar Amarjit Singh from Samrala Constituency and the same were not filled up till the dissolution of the Assembly on 6th March, 1988.

The Governor under Article 180(1) of the Constitution of India appointed,—*vide* his order dated the 5th October, 1985, Sardar Ravi Inder Singh, a Member of the 9th Vidhan Sabha to perform the duties of the office of Speaker till Speaker was chosen under Article 178. Subsequently, he was elected as Speaker on the 15th October, 1985.

Sardar Nirmal Singh Kahlon, another Member of the 9th Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Deputy Speaker on the 5th November, 1985 (A.N.)

Sardar Nirmal Singh Kahlon, Deputy Speaker, resigned the office of the Deputy Speaker in accordance with the provisions of Article 179(b) of the Constitution of India on the 6th May, 1986 (A.N.)

Sardar Ravi Inder Singh resigned the office of the Speaker on the 27th May, 1986 (A.N.)

The offices of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker having been rendered vacant, the Governor, under Article 180(1) of the Constitution appointed, *vide* his order dated the 29th May, 1986, Pandit Mohan Lal, MLA, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178 of the Constitution.

Sardar Surjit Singh Minhas and Sardar Jaswant Singh were elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 2nd June, 1986 (A.N.).

On the Petitions made by Sardar Surjit Singh Barnala, President of the Shiromani Akali Dal, under the provisions of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India, on 11th June, 1986, the Speaker issued show cause notices to 23 Members (including S. Kulwant Singh Qadian). The said members challenged the validity of the notice as well as the Constitutional validity of the Constitution (52nd Amendment) Act, 1985 in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Full Bench of the Court pronounced its judgement on

the 1st May, 1987. On the basis of the said judgement, the Speaker disqualified the following 22 Members—,*vide* his orders shown against them:—

| Name of the Member | Date of disqualification |
|---|---|
| 1. S. Kuldip Singh Wadala | Disqualified on 1st May, 1987 (Notification Nos.-LA-87/31 to LA-87/41, dated 2nd May, 1987) |
| 2. S. Mohinder Singh Brar | |
| 3. S. Inderjit Singh Jaijee | |
| 4. S. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa | |
| 5. S. Balwinder Singh Bhunder | |
| 6. S. Gurdev Singh Badal | |
| 7. S. Talib Singh Sandhu | |
| 8. S. Sujan Singh | |
| 9. S. Prem Singh Lalpura | |
| 10. Raja Narinder Singh | |
| 11. S. Parkash Singh Badal | |
| 12. Giani Arjan Singh Litt | Disqualified on 4th May, 1987 (Notification Nos.LA-87/42 to LA-87/52, dated 4th May, 1987) |
| 13. S. Bachittar Singh | |
| 14. S. Devinder Singh Garcha | |
| 15. S. Hardial Singh Rajla | |
| 16. S. Jasdev Singh Sandhu | |
| 17. S. Jasmel Singh | |
| 18. S. Kirpal Singh Libra | |
| 19. Dr. Rattan Singh | |
| 20. Dr. Satwant Singh Mohi | |
| 21. S. Sukhdev Singh Libra | |
| 22. S. Tara Singh | |

The members challenged the orders of their disqualification and the case is pending in the Supreme Court.

In another petition made by the President of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Sardar Surjit Singh Barnala on 12th February, 1987, the Speaker issued a show cause notice to Sardar Nirmal Singh Kahlon, MLA. As no reply was received from him within the stipulated period (24 hours), he was disqualified by the Speaker-,*vide* Notification No. 12-LA-87/3, dated the 13th February, 1987.

Sardar Nirmal Singh Kahlon challenged the order of his disqualification in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The order was quashed as withdrawn and order of his disqualification stood cancelled and was accordingly rescinded by the Speaker-, *vide* notification No. 12-LA-87/5, dated the 19th February, 1987.

Sardar Surjit Singh Barnala, President of the Shiromani Akali Dal, filed another petition on 14th February, 1987 under the provisions of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. The Speaker served a show cause notice to Sardar Harbhajan Singh Sandhu. As the Member did not reply within the stipulated period (24 hours), he was disqualified by the Speaker *vide* Notification No. 13-LA-87/4, dated the 16th February, 1987.

Sardar Harbhajan Singh Sandhu challenged the order of the Speaker in the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the same is pending in the said Court.

During the period under review the Vidhan Sabha held in all 54 sittings spread over (five Sessions), as follows —

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of Sittings |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | First Session, 1985 | .. | 11 |
| 2 | Second (Budget) Session, 1986 | .. | 19 |
| 3 | Third Session, 1986 | .. | 3 |
| 4 | Fourth (Winter) Session, 1986 | .. | 5 |
| 5 | Fifth (Budget) Session, 1987 | .. | 16 |
| | Total | .. | 54 |

These sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed Members of the Ninth Vidhan Sabha during the period under review.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhavan, Chandigarh.

## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESS

There were three Special Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Vidhan Sabha beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in October, 1985. Each of these Addresses was discussed on Motion of Thanks. Notice of Amendment to the Address delivered in 1987 was proposed. The period of discussion and number of Amendment moved on the occasion are given below:—

| Year | Period | | Amendment |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1985 | 4 days | ... | ... |
| 1986 | 3 days | ... | ... |
| 1987 | 3 days | ... | 1 |

The amendment was moved by a Member of the Opposition and it was lost.

The Motion of Thanks was carried in the form it was moved on each occasion.

## 3. LEGISLATION

### I. Official

The Ninth Vidhan Sabha passed 39 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows:—

| Year | | Number of Bills |
|---|---|---|
| 1985 | .. | 6 |
| 1986 | .. | 26 |
| 1987 | .. | 7 |

The number of new Bills was two, of amending Bills 31 and of Appropriation Bills 6.

The new Bills and the amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of Bills passed in the various sessions is given in the Appendix. For synopsis of these Bills, reference may be made to the Resume of different Sessions. The Appropriation Bills dealt with the appropriations of money voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, in figures being Rs. 4,01,98,37,000 for 1985-86, Rs. 45,66,86,42,000 for 1986-87, Rs. 41,77,78,40,000 for 1987-88.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills except the Appropriation Bills was 5 (one from the Treasury Benches and 4 from the Opposition Benches).

### II. Non-official

Nil

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## 4. QUESTIONS

The following table gives the information about questions:—

**(i) Starred—**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Total number of notices received | ... | 1,467 |
| (b) Total number of notices admitted | ... | 860 |
| (c) Total number of questions answered orally | .. | 467 |
| (d) Total number of questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 | ... | 121 |
| (e) Total number of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | ... | 76 |

(f) Total number of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. .. 196

**(ii) Unstarred—**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received | .. | 207 |
| (b) Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted | .. | 105 |
| (c) Total number of Unstarred Questions answered | .. | 62 |
| (d) Total number of Unstarred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of questions because of the non-fulfilment of condition of the notice period, etc. | .. | 40 |

**(iii) Short Notice—**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received | .. | 51 |
| (b) Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted | .. | 19 |
| (c) Total number of Short Notice Questions answered | .. | 4 |

The year-wise distribution of questions may be seen in the following Table:—

TABLE

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given Notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supple-mentaries | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under rule 38 | No. of Un-Starred Questions convert-ed as such from being Starred Questions | No. of Un-starred Questions given Notice of | No.of Un-starred Questions admitted | No. of Un-starred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1985 .. | 138 | 63 | 43 | 137 | 2 | .. | 49 | 18 | 1 | 17 | 4 | 1 |
| 1986 .. | 942 | 509 | 259 | 1,012 | 66 | 55 | 134 | 69 | 61 | 27 | 11 | 1 |
| 1987 .. | 387 | 288 | 165 | 616 | 53 | 21 | 24 | 18 | .. | 7 | 4 | 2 |

## 5. RESOLUTIONS

### I. Official

Four official Resolutions were discussed and carried during the period under review. The subject-matter of each and the date of the discussion and its being carried are given below:—

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and passed |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Fixation of Rs. 600 crores as the maximum amount which the Punjab State Electricity Board may at any time have on loan under sub-section (1) of Section 65 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. | 5-11-1985 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 2 | Resolution by the House to annul and reject the White Paper released by the Government of Punjab on 23rd April, 1982 on the Ravi-Beas Agreement, 1981. | Ditto |
| 3 | Resolution by the House in pursuance of Article 252 of the Constitution of India to amend the Estate Duty Act, 1953 by the Parliament of India, ceasing the same to apply to the levy of Estate Duty in respect of agricultural land, situated in the State, passing on the death of any person occurring on or after the 16th day of March, 1985. | 31-3-1986 |
| 4 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 368 thereof, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Fifty-Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1986, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament. | 15-12-1986 (Second Sitting) |

### II. Non-Official

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|---|---|---|
| Total Number of notices of Resolutions received | .. | 164 |
| Total number of Notices of Resolutions admitted | .. | 52 |
| Total Number of Notices of Resolutions discussed | .. | 11 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | .. | 10 |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision was taken and which lapsed | .. | 41 |

The year-wise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as under:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1985 | .. | 14 |
| 1986 | .. | 104 |
| 1987 | .. | 46 |
| Total | .. | 164 |

The number of Resolutions discussed was 2 in 1985, 7 in 1986 and 2 in 1987. These Resolutions were discussed on 7 days.

The subject matter of each resolution is given below:—

| Serial Number | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Whereas paddy is arriving in large quantities in all the Mandis of Punjab, the Food Corporation of India, which is primarily responsible for procuring approximately 75 per cent of all the arrivals, has failed in its duty to provide effective price support for paddy purchases. Consequently the farmers of Punjab are being put to great hardship and financial loss for which responsibility squarely lies on the Government of India. Now, therefore, as the Food Corporation of India has failed to perform the due function towards the procurement of paddy, this House recommends to the State Government that all expeditious efforts be taken against those Central agencies which have failed in their duties and as a consequence have increased the sufferings of Punjab farmers who have rendered yeoman's service to the country in times of scarcity. | 17-10-1985 | Carried unanimously. |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | In the Punjab Accord signed by the Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi and Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, it was agreed that Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab be considered for transfer to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh. Such areas will be identified on the principles of linguistic affinity and contiguity taking village as a unit. However, in the terms of reference of the 'Mathew Commission' in addition to the above mentioned three principles the Commission has been authorised to take into consideration any other factors as are deemed appropriate. This unlimited widening and extension of the terms of reference of the said Commission has caused great apprehensions in the minds of people of Punjab who are concerned at possible damage to the true implementation of the Accord.<br>This House, therefore, resolves that the State Government should approach the Government of India to rectify the terms of reference of the Commission deleting the clause added beyond the scope of the Punjab Accord as it would prejudicially affect the interests of Punjab and set at naught the great effort which went into the bringing of peace and good-will in this strife-torn State. | 31-10-1985 | Carried |
| 3. | This House feels that the delay in implementation of the Memorandum of Settlement arrived at between late Sant Harchand Singh Longowal and the Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, has created disappointment among the Punjabis. This House takes this opportunity to reiterate its conviction that the Memorandum of Settlement is the charter for peace and amity in this border State. This House appeals to the Prime Minister and the Union Government to take urgent steps for the full implementation of the Accord in letter and spirit and fail all the attempts to sabotage it. | 6-3-1986 | Carried unanimously. |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | This House recommends to the Government to take effective steps so that the programme of Adult Education is fully and effectively implemented. | 13-3-1986 | Carried |
| 5. | This House recommends to the State Government to take steps for the enforcement of a Crops Insurance Scheme so as to provide full compensation to the farmers at the time of damages caused by natural calamities or due to other factors. | 13-3-1986 | Carried |
| 6. | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Government of India that a general amnesty be announced and all the pending cases against the Sikh youth detained in Jodhpur and other Jails and the army personnel instituted before the Rajiv-Longowal Accord should be withdrawn to improve the political climate in Punjab.<br><br>This House also recommends that the Government of India should also take action against those persons who killed innocent Sikhs during November, 1984 riots and institute cases against them in a court of law.<br><br>This House also expresses its concern at the activities of the anti-social and anti-national elements who are threatening the lives of the Sikhs settled outside Punjab and looting and destroying their properties through acts of violence and lawlessness. It, therefore, calls upon the State Government to approach the Government of India to take suitable steps against such elements and save the properties and lives of the Sikhs settled outside the State of Punjab. | 31-3-1986 | Carried unanimously. |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | The examination of the increase in procurement price of wheat and paddy and the rise in the wholesale prices of manufactured products, on which the bulk of the farmers' income is spent for meeting their consumption requirements and the machinery and equipment required for investment in agriculture, over the period 1970-71 to 1983-84 shows that the parity between the above prices has moved against the farmers substantially. The farmers have thus been robbed of the fruit of their toil in terms of their purchasing power for manufactured goods and services.<br><br>It is, therefore, resolved to recommend to the Government of India that the procurement price of farm produce be linked with the price of manufactured products which the farmer buys for his consumption needs and for investment in Agriculture. This is necessary to make agriculture a worthwhile activity with a view to promoting agricultural production and preventing the masses of farmers from sinking below the poverty line. | 31-3-1986 | Carried |
| 8. | This House expresses its concern at the activities of the anti-social, anti-national and foreign inspired forces indulging in destablising the State of Punjab through acts of violence and lawlessness. It called upon the people of Punjab to unite against these forces and defeat their designs to uphold the unity, integrity of the country and harmony of the State of Punjab | 31-3-1986 | Carried |
| 9. | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government with the request that small scale Industrial Units in the State be exempted from the payment of Excise duty to the extent of Rupees thirty lakhs. | 31-3-1986 | Carried |

| Serial No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10. | This House solemnly resolves to mobilise moral, constitutional and political sources at its disposal to re-dedicate the State and the people of Punjab to the unity, integrity and solidarity of India and our undying faith in communal harmony. It places on record its utmost condemnation of terrorism in all its forms. | 12-3-1987 | Carried unanimously. |
| 11. | This House expresses its deep concern for the need for improving the industrial investment climate in the State, and more particularly the need for encouraging such agro-industrial investment as can have a direct impact on the State's agricultural economy. In the context of mounting agricultural surpluses and declining farm incomes, this House stresses the need for encouraging investment in large scale and technologically advanced agro-processing ventures and draws particular attention to the proposal of the Punjab Agro Industiries Corporation for innovating, completely integrated processed food and bewerage project involving a tie up with Tatas and Pepsico Inc. of USA. This House expresses its concern over the delay at the level of the Government of India in sanctioning the project and urges the State Government to pursue the matter with them for early and expeditious approval. | 31-3-1987 | Talked out. |

## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The total number of notices of Adjournment Motions received during the period under review was 41 ( 6 in 1985, 27 in 1986 and 8 in 1987). Of these one was converted into Call Attention Notice No. 38 and was replied accordingly. In other case, the Adjournment Motion was converted into Motion under rule 77. In another case, the Adjournment Motion was disallowed but a copy thereof was sent to the Government and yet in another case a Call Attention Notice (No. 70) given by Shri Shiv Chand Malout & Shri Sujan Singh on the same subject on which there was a notice for an Adjournment Motion, was admitted. All the remaining 37 Adjournment Motions were disallowed.

## 7. NO-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

In all 2 notices of No-Confidence Motion against the Ministry were received during the period under review.

One notice was received on the 4th December, 1986 and stood lapsed as it could not be moved by the Member concerned on 15th December, 1986 (Second Sitting).

The other notice expressing lack of confidence in the Council of Ministers was received on the 12 th December, 1986 but the leave to move the Motion was not granted by the House on 15th December, 1986 (Second Sitting).

## 8. CALL ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 277 matters relating to different subjects. Session-wise break-up of these *Call Attention Notices is given below:

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | First Session, 1985 | .. | 61 |
| 2 | Second (Budget) Session, 1986 | .. | 84 |
| 3 | Third Session, 1986 | .. | 4 |
| 4 | Fourth (Winter) Session, 1986 | .. | 24 |
| 5 | Fifth (Budget) Session, 1987 | .. | 104 |
| | Total | .. | 277 |

## 9. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all 4 notices of Motions under Rule 77 (three in 1986 and one in 1987) were received. All detailed below were admitted :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Notice received on | Date on which discussed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Situation arising out of law and order in the State | 17-3-1986 | 18-3-1986 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 2. | Latest Punjab Situation | 31-3-1986 | 31-3-1986 |
| 3. | Situation arising out of general law and order in the State | 16-12-1986 | 18-12-1986 |
| 4. | Situation arising out of the speeches made at the Hola Mohalla festival at Anandpur Sahib on 15th March, 1987 | 18-3-1987 | 18-3-1987 (Afternoon Sitting) |

**Note*:—For details, reference may be made to the Resume of different Sessions.

## 10. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of 17 notices seeking to raise questions of privilege were mentioned in the House, 2 in 1985, 13 in 1986, and 2 in 1987.

The Speaker did not give his consent in the case of 10 notices. 3 were lapsed on the prorogation of the House and 1 was withdrawn.

Three questions of privilege were referred to the Committee of Privileges. The nature of question in each case, the dates on which it was raised/referred to the Committee of Privileges and the decision thereon may be seen from the Table below :—

| Serial No. | Nature of question | Date on which raised | Date on which referred to the Committee | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Non-provision of proper seating arrangement for Legislators at the prize distribution function held on 2nd March, 1986 at village Theri, District Patiala, during the Punjab Livestock Week. | 4-3-86 | 4-3-86 | The Committee presented its Report on this issue to the Speaker on the 31st March, 1986. In view of the unqualified apologies tendered by the Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Rural Development, Panchayats and Animal Husbandry, the Committee recommended to the Hon. Speaker not to pursue this matter further. |
| 2. | Regarding misbehaviour by Shri M.S. Kailey, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur, when the Member went to see him on 17th March, 1986 and 24th March, 1986 at his residence. | 25-4-86 | 7-8-86 | The Committee presented its Report on the issue to the Speaker on the 5th September, 1986. Since the Member had withdrawn his notice of question of privilege un-conditionally and wanted the matter to be dropped in view of the amends made by Shri Kailey, the Committee recommended the Hon. Speaker to drop the matter. |

| Serial No. | Nature of question | Date on which raised | Date on which referred to the Committee | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Regarding misbehaviour by Shri R.C. Nayyar, IAS, Administrator, Municipal Committee, Hoshiarpur, when the Member went to see him on the 9th May, 1986 in his office. | 20-5-86 | 12-9-86 | The Committee presented its Report on the issue to the Speaker on the 9th January, 1987. Since the Member had withdrawn his notice of question of privilege un-conditionally and wanted the matter to be dropped in view of the amends made by Shri R.C. Nayyar, the Committee recommended the Hon. Speaker to drop the matter. |

## 11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Two Budgets* were presented for the amounts detailed below:—

| Year | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 1986-87 | .. | 44,04,38,49,000 |
| 1987-88 | .. | 41,77,78,40,000 |

Three Supplementary Estimates, two in 1985-86, and one in 1986-87, were presented to and voted by the Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :—

| Year | | Amount | Date of presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bill passed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 (1st instalment) | .. | 99,90,50,000 | 18-10-85 | 5-11-85 (A.S) |
| 1985-86 (2nd instalment) | .. | 3,02,07,87,000 | 7-3-86 | 11-3-86 |
| 1986-87 | .. | 1,62,47,93,000 | 12-3-87 | 18-3-87 (A.S.) |

**Note* :—General Discussion was held on each of the Budget Estimates and specific grants were taken up for discussion in 1986-87 and 1987-88. For details, reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

**Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations**

Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations for the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79 totalling a sum of Rs. 3,10,24,53,352 were presented and carried on 5th November, 1985 (Afternoon Sitting).

## 12. SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Notice of one Substantive Motion was received in the Third Session, 1986 and the same was disallowed by the Speaker.

## 13. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made 15 statements on the Floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. Number of statements made by each of them was as follows :—

| | |
|---|---|
| Chief Minister | .. 9 |
| Finance Minister | .. 2 |
| Revenue Minister | .. 2 |
| Minister for Local Bodies | .. 1 |
| Minister of State for Labour and Employment | .. 1 |
| Total | .. 15 |

In addition, 82 statements were made in the House by various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these statements a reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period, under review.

## 14. WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 24 walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different groups during the period under reveiw. The Table below gives the Session-wise figures :—

| Serial No. | Session | No. of Walk-outs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | First Session, 1985 | .. 2 |
| 2 | Second (Budget) Session, 1986 | .. 8 |
| 3 | Third Session, 1986 | .. 3 |
| 4 | Fourth (Winter) Session, 1986 | .. 6 |
| 5 | Fifth (Budget) Session, 1987 | .. 5 |
| | Total | .. 24 |

## 15. DIVISIONS

Only two divisions (not recorded) were held during the Third Session, 1986.

## 16. UNPARLIAMENTARY/UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held by the Speaker as Unparliamentary/ Undesireable. For details, reference may be made to the Resume of various Sessions.

## 17. COMMITTEES

In 1985 there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees:—

1. Business Advisory Committee.
2. Committee on Public Accounts.
3. Committee on Estimates.
4. Committee on Public Undertakings.
5. Rules Committee.
6. Committee of Privileges.
7. Committee on Government Assurances.
8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
9. General Purposes Committee.
10. Library Committee.
11. House Committee.
12. Committee on Petitions.
13. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.
14. Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the Table.
15. Select Committee on Bills. (Select Committee on the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Bill, 1987.)

2. In 1985-86, the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos.2 to 4 and 13 were also nominated by the Speaker in pursuance of a Motion passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 5th November, 1985 (Afternoon Sitting) alongwith other Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 5 to 12 and 14. In 1986-87 and 1987-88, however, Committees at Serial Nos. 2 to 4 and 13 were elected by the House whereas other Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 5 to 12 and 14 were nominated by the Speaker in accordance with the Rules. Select Committee mentioned at Serial No.15 was nominated by the Speaker in pursuance of the Motion passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha at its sitting held on 1st April, 1987.

3. The Chairmen of the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 were appointed by the Speaker and in the case of Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 5 and 9 the Speaker was ex-officio Chairman. The Deputy Speaker was ex-officio Chairman of the Committees mentioned at Serial Nos. 11 and 15.

The membership of these Committees is given below :—

| Serial No. | Name of the Committee | 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee | Speaker and not more than five other Members. |
| 2. | Committee on Public Accounts | Thirteen Members. |
| 3. | Committee on Estimates | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 4. | Committee on Public Undertakings | Thirteen Members. |
| 5. | Rules Committee | Ten members including the Speaker. |
| 6. | Committee of Privileges | Not more than twelve Members. |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances. | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than thirteen Members (including the Advocate General). |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised parties and groups in the House and such other members as may be nominated by the Speaker. |
| 10. | Library Committee | Nine Members. |
| 11. | House Committee | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members,. |
| 12. | Committee on Petitions | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 13. | Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 14. | Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the Table. | Not more than ten Members. |
| 15. | Select Committee on the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Bill, 1987. | Seventeen Members including Minister-in-charge and Advocate-General being ex-officio Members. |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees yearwise along with the number of Reports presented by each is given in the following Statement :—

## STATEMENT

| Serial No. | Name of the Committee | Number of meetings | | | Number of reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | *1987-88 | |
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee | 3 | 3 | .. | 11 |
| 2. | Committee on Public Accounts | 17 | 106 | 3 | 16 |
| 3. | Committee on Estimates | 17 | 111 | 6 | 4 |
| 4. | Committee on Public Undertakings | 19 | 100 | 4 | 6 |
| 5. | Rules Committee | .. | 1 | .. | .. |
| 6. | Committee of Privileges | 11 | 38 | .. | 3 |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances | 17 | 100 | .. | 1 |
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 10 | 83 | 1 | 1 |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 10. | Library Committee | 10 | 61 | .. | .. |
| 11. | House Committee | 3 | 28 | .. | .. |
| 12. | Committee on Petitions | 7 | 63 | 1 | .. |
| 13. | Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | 17 | 79 | 1 | 2 |
| 14. | Committee on Papers laid/ to be laid on the Table | 5 | 56 | 1 | 1 |
| 15. | Select Committee on the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Bill, 1987 | .. | .. | 1 | .. |

*This information is upto 11th May, 1987 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation and later dissolved on 6th March, 1988.

## 18. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 the Committee made recommendations about the date-wise programme, discussion of Demands for Grants and various other items of business before the House. The Committee presented to the House six and five reports, respectively.

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## 19. SELECT COMMITTEE ON BILL

The Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Bill, 1987 was referred to a Select Committee by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 1st April, 1987. The Select Committee consisted of 15 members. In addition, under sub-rule (2) of Rule 215 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly), the Minister-in-Charge and Advocate General were the ex-officio Members of the Select Committee. The Committee held only one sitting before the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation on 11th May, 1987 and later dissolved on 6th March, 1988.

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## 20. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

1. The Membership of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1985-86 to 1987-88 was Thirteen.

2. The total number of meetings held year-wise alongwith the number of Reports presented is given in the following statement:—

STATEMENT

| Year | | Number of meetings | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 | .. | 17 | 13 |
| 1986-87 | .. | 106 | 3 |
| 1987-88 | .. | *3 | Nil |

*Upto 11th May, 1987 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

3. (i) The Committee for the year 1985-86 presented 13 Reports to the House as detailed below:—

| Serial No. | Report No. | Relating to | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 68th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1974-75 and 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Food and Supplies Department. | 31-3-1986 |
| 2 | 69th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1973-74 to 1975-76 (Civil) relating to Local Government Department. | 31-3-1986 |
| 3 | 70th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1976-77 to 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Local Government Department. | 31-3-1986 |
| 4 | 71st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 5 | 72nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1974-75 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 6 | 73rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1975-76 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 74th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1976-77 (Civil) relating to Public Works Deprtment( Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 8 | 75th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1977-78 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 9 | 76th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1978-79 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 10 | 77th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1979-80 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 11 | 78th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1973-74 to 1976-77 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Public Health Branch). | 31-3-1986 |
| 12 | 79th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1977-78 and 1978-79 (Civil) relating to Public Works Department (Public Health Branch). | 31-3-198 6 |
| 13 | 80th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1979-80 (Civil) relating ot Public Works Department (Public Health Branch). | 31-3-1986 |

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee appointed one Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee held one meeting at Sunam for on-the-Spot Study of a bridge on Sunam-Bhikhi road appearing in Para 62 of the 29th Report of the Committee.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi and Agra.

The Committee considerd and made amendments in its Internal Working Rules with the approval of the Hon. Speaker.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1986-87 completed the examination of a number of paragraphs appearing in the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1973-74 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and for the year 1973-74 (Revenue Receipts) relating to the Transport Department, questionnaire in respect of which had been approved by the previous Committee.

The Committee presented three Reports to the House as detailed below:—

| Serial No. | Report No. | Relating to | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 81st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1976-77 to 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) relating to the Co-operation Department. | ..30-3-1987 |
| 2 | 82nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1976-77 and 1977-78 (Revenue Receipts) relating to the Irrigation Department. | .. 30-3-1987 |
| 3 | 83rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1976-77 (Revenue Receipts) relating to the Revenue Department. | .. 30-3-1987 |

The Committee also scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee on Public Accounts of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Sikkim Vidhan Sabha and Bihar Vidhan Sabha visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Public Accounts Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Madhopur, Srinagar, Gulmarg Pahalgam, Harwan, Sonamarg and Patiala.

The Committee visited West Bengal, Andaman-Nicobar Islands, Sikkim, Bihar and Maharashtra States and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest with its counterpart Committees in West Bengal, Sikkim and Bihar.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1987-88 held only three meetings before the Assembly was placed under suspended animation. The Committee scrutinised the replies received from the Department of Agriculture in respect of various paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Civil) for the years 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79.

## 21. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 1985-86 examined the Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) for the year 1985-86.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee presented the Report on Supplementary Estimates for the year 1985-86 (2nd Instalment) to the House on the 7th March, 1986.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi and Agra Cantt.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1986-87 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:—

(1) Prisons Department;

(2) Cultural Affairs, Archaeology and Museums Department; and

(3) General Administration Department (Civil Secretariat including Finance Department).

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1986-87.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on 30th March, 1987 on the Budget Estimates for the year 1986-87 in respect of Jails Department and Cultural Affairs, Archaeology and Museums Department, respectively in addition to the Reports on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1986-87 presented to the House on the 12th March, 1987.

The Committee, however, could not present its Report with regard to General Administration Department (Civil Secretariat including Finance Department).

The Committee appointed two following Sub-Committees during the year:—

(1) Drafting Sub-Committee; and

(2) Implementation-Sub-Committee.

The Committee considered and made amendments in its Internal Working Rules with the approval of the Hon. Speaker.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla, Narkanda, New Delhi, Srinagar, Aurangabad, Nanded, Bhopal, Khajuraho, Bombay and Panaji (Goa).

(iii) The Committee for the year 1987-88 could not examine the Budget Estimates for the year 1987-88 in respect of any Department till the 11th May, 1987 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation. The Vidhan Sabha was subsequently dissolved on 6th March, 1988.

The Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports in respect of Health and Transport Departments.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi.

## 22. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 1985-86 framed questionnaire on the material received from the Punjab Women and Children Development and Welfare Corporation in respect of its General Working.

The Committee presented to the House on the 31st March, 1986 its Thirty Third Report on the Audit Paras appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board. The report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committee for the year 1981-82.

The Committee also presented to the House on the 31st March, 1986 its Thirty Fourth Report in respect of the General Working of the Punjab Financial Corporation. The Report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committee for the year 1983-84 and the Committee (1985-86) also sought clarification/elucidation on certain points from the Punjab Financial Corporation.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinized the quarterly progress reports showing the details of the action taken by the Government/ Public Undertakings to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various reports of the Committee.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1986-87 scrutinized the material in respect of the General Working of the—

(1) Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

(2) Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation.

(3) Goindwal Industrial and Investment Corporation of Punjab.

(4) Punjab State Hosiery and Knitwear Development Corporation.

(5) Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

(6) Punjab State Leather Development Corporation.

(7) Punjab Horticulture Corporation.

(8) Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation.

(9) Punjab State Handloom and Textile Development Corporation.

(10) Punjab State Seeds Corporation.

(11) Punjab Women and Children Development and Welfare Corporation.

(12) Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.

The Committee presented to the House on the 16th December, 1986, 27th March, 1987 and 31st March, 1987, respectively its Thirty Fifth, Thirty Eighth and Thirty Ninth Reports in respect of the Public Undertakings mentioned at Serial Nos. 11, 3, 4 and 2 above. The Committee could not draft reports in respect of the Public Undertakings mentioned at Serial Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 for want of time.

Besides, the Committee presented to the House on the 27th March, 1987 its Thirty Seventh Report in respect of the General Working of the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation. The Report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before the Committee for the years 1982-83 and 1983-84. The Committee for the year 1985-86 sought further information and clarification from the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation and the Committee (1986-87) orally examined the representatives of the Irrigation and Power Department and the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation.

The Committee further presented to the House on the 27th March, 1987 its Thirty Sixth Report on the Audit Paras appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1973-74 (Commercial) in respect of the Punjab State Small Industries Corporation Limited. The Report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committe for the year 1980-81.

The Committee examined the audit Paras contained in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1974-75 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., but could not prepare its report for want of time.

The Committee examined the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1980-81 (Commercial) and framed questionnaire on Audit Paragraphs appearing in it in respect of Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation, Punjab Dairy Development Corporation, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab Electronics Components Ltd., Punjab Display Devices Ltd., and Punjab Semi-Conductor Devices Ltd. (now

amalgamated with the Punjab Wireless System Ltd), Punjab Nylo Transmission Ltd., Punjab Handloom & Textile Development Corporation and Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

The Committee examined the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1981-82 (Commercial) and framed questionnaire on Audit Paragraphs appearing in it in respect of the Punjab State Electricity Board, Finance Department (General questionnaire relating to different Public Undertakings), Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation Ltd., Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation, Punjab Display Devices, Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Punjab State Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and Punjab State Small Industries & Export Corporation Ltd.

The Committee also scrutinized the replies to the questionnaire framed on the audit paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1980-81 (Commercial) in respect of the Punjab Civil Supplies Corporation, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Punjab Semi-Conductor Devices Ltd., Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab Dairy Development Corporation and Punjab Warehousing Corporation.

The Committee further considered and made amendments in its Internal Working Rules with the approval of the Hon. Speaker.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinized the quarterly Progress reports showing the details of the action taken by the Government/Public Undertakings to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various reports of the Committee.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1987-88 scrutinized the replies to the questionnaire framed on the Audit Paragraphs contained in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1981-82 (Commercial) in respect of the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation and Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

**Statement showing the number of meetings held by the Committee year-wise**

| 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | 100 | 4<br>Upto 11th May, 1987 when the Sabha was placed under suspended animation |

**Number of Reports Presented year-wise**

| 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | 5 | .. |

**Meetings held by the Committee at places other than Chandigarh**

| Year | Place |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | New Delhi, Margao (Goa) and Bombay. |
| 1986-87 | New Delhi, Shimla, Ropar, Nangal, Anandpur Sahib, Jammu, Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pehalgam, Dachigam, Madhopur and Shahpur Kandi. |
| 1987-88 | New Delhi. |

## 23. RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee for the year 1985-86 was not nominated.

The Committee for the year 1986-87 held only one meeting and discussed its scope and functions. It did not present any report.

The Committee for the year 1987-88 was nominated but did not hold any meeting upto 11th May, 1987 when the Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation.

## 24. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The following matters were referred to the Committee of Privileges:—

**1985-86**

A question of privilege regarding non-provision of proper seating arrangement for legislators at the prize distribution function held on 2nd March, 1986 at Village Theri, District Patiala during the Punjab Livestock Week was raised by Sardar Jasdev Singh Sandhu, MLA on 4th March, 1986 and referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker the same day.

The Committee presented its report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 31st March 1986. In view of the unqualified apologies tendered by the Secretary to Government, Puniab, Department of Rural Development, Panchayats and Animal Husbandry, the Committee recommended to the Speaker not to pursue this matter further.

**1986-87**

1. The question of privilege regarding misbehaviour by Shri M.S. Kailey, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur with Shri Hari Mitter Hans, MLA, when latter went to see him on 17th March, 1986 and 24th March, 1986 at his residence, was raised by the said Member on 25th April, 1986 and referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 7th August, 1986.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on the 5th September, 1986. Since the Member had withdrawn his notice of question of privilege un-conditionally and wanted the matter to be dropped in view of the amends made by Shri Kailey, the Committee recommended the Speaker to drop the matter.

2. Another question of privilege regarding misbehaviour by Shri R.C. Nayyar, IAS, Administrator, Municipal Committee, Hoshiarpur, with Shri Hari Mittar Hans, MLA when latter went to see him on the 9th May, 1986,in his office, was raised by the said Member on 20th May, 1986 and referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 12th September, 1986.

The Committee presented its report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on the 9th January, 1987. Since the Memoer had withdrawn his notice of question of privilege un-conditionally and wanted the matter to be dropped in view of the amends made by Shri R.C. Nayyar, the Committee recommended the Speaker to drop the matter.

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## 25. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

The Committee for the year 1985-86 was nominated on the 2nd January, 1986. It held 17 meetings and scrutinized interim replies/replies etc. in respect of 63 Assurances of 24th Report, 18 Assurances of Budget Session, 1982 and 27 Assurances of Budget Session, 1983. It also approved the assurances given by the Ministers on the floor of the House during Autumn Session, 1983 and Supplementary Statements Nos. 9 and 10 relating to Budget Session, 1983 and Autumn Session, 1983. The Committee dropped 45 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others, it asked for further information.

The Committee visited the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir during 1985-86.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1986-87 was nominated on the 11th April, 1986. It held 100 meetings and scrutinised interim replies/replies etc. in respect of 702 Assurances of 25th Report, 27 Assurances of Autumn Session, 1981, 110 Assurances of Budget Session, 1982. It dropped/noted 397 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others, the Committee asked for further information.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Departments of Revenue, PWD (B&R), Irrigation, Housing and Urban Development, Rural Development and Panchayats and Finance in respect of Assurances concerning them and also made on-the-spot study of some sites in and around Jalandhar and Sangrur districts where the Punjab Housing Development Board undertook the construction work of housing colonies,

The Committee made recommendations for amending its Internal Working Rules so as to simplify the procedure regarding implementation of Assurances. The amendments were approved by the Hon'ble Speaker but the same could not be notified as the Assembly was placed under suspended animation on 11th May, 1987.

The Committee presented its 26th Report to the House on 30th March, 1987.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1987-88 was nominated on 30th April, 1987. However, before it could hold any meeting, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation with effect from 11th May, 1987. Later on, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was dissolved on the 6th March, 1988.

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## 26. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The details of the work done by the Committee during the period under review are as under :—

### 1985-86

The Committee for the year 1985-86 selected the Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963 for scrutiny. However, it could not prepare/present any Report.

### 1986-87

The Committee scrutinised the following Rules during the year 1986-87:—

1. The Punjab Regulation of Colonies Rules, 1975.
2. The Punjab Land Reforms Rules, 1973.
3. The Punjab Ex-servicemen Corporation (General) Rules, 1982.
4. The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963, and presented its 22nd Report to the House on the 30th March, 1987.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Nangal, Srinagar, Calcutta, Portblair, Rumtek, Gangtok and Patna also.

### 1987-88

The Committee had selected the following Rules/Bye-laws/Regulations for scrutiny but could not proceed with the work as the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation on the 11th May, 1987 and later on dissolved on the 6th March, 1988 :—

(1) The Ludhiana Municipal Corporation (Safai Mazdoor Services) Regulations, 1981.

(2) Municipal Corporation (Licensing of Dairies) Bye-laws, 1982 (For all the three Corporations)

(3) The Punjab Town Improvement (Utilization of land and Allotment of Plots) Rules, 1983.

(4) The Punjab State Veterinary Council Rules, 1982.

(5) The Punjab Housing Development Board (Publications, Preparation and Operation of Development of Land and Buildings) Regulations, 1982.

(6) The Punjab General Sales Tax Rules, 1949.

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## 27. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(i) The Committee for the year 1985-86 considered matters regarding provision of amenities/facilities to MLAs and Ex-MLAs on the points mentioned below :—

### (A)—Sitting Members

1. Suggestion regarding increase in Compensatory Allowance and Constituency, Secretarial and Postal Allowance.

2. Suggestion regarding increase in halting allowance.

3. Suggestion regarding increase in the rate of road mileage.

4. Suggestion regarding increase in reimbursement of telephone charges.

5. Suggestion regarding increase in the grant of repayable advance for the purchase of motor car/Built up house/for the construction of house.

6. Suggestion regarding provision of *Ex-gratia* grant in the case of death of a Member.

7. Suggestion regarding reimbursement of hotel expenses to a Member when he is on tour outside the State.

8. Suggestion regarding provision of facility of Air travel against rail travel coupons as also reimbursement of cost of petrol purchased by a Member for the propulsion of his own vehicle, against rail travel coupons.

9. Suggestion regarding charging of rent at the same rate for stay at Circuit House/Rest House while on non-official visit, as is charged from a Member when he is on official duty.

10. Re-imbursement of medical charges in respect of treatment received at non-government hospitals.

### (B)— General

1. Suggestion making the above-mentioned recommendations applicable *Mutatus-mutandis* to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

2. Suggestion regarding placing of Punjab House or Kapurthala House, New Delhi at the disposal of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat for the use of the Members.

## (C)—Ex-Legislators

1. Suggestion regarding grant of minimum pension of Rs. 500 to a Member regardless of the period for which he remained as such.

2. Suggestion regarding medical facilities to the dependents of the Ex-Legislator after his death.

3. *Ex-gratia* grant to the legal heirs of an Ex-Legislator after his death.

4. Suggestion regarding writing off of repayable advances for the purchase of motor car/house building on the death of an Ex-Legislator.

The Committee authorised the Chairman to nominate a Sub-Committee to prepare a draft of recommendations on the above points.

Accordingly the Chairman nominated a Sub-Committee with Giani Arjan Singh Litt, MLA, as its convenor.

The Sub-Committee held two meetings and submitted its report to the Committee.

The Committee after considering the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee made its own recommendations which were forwarded to the Government for implementation.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1986-87 did not hold any meeting.

(iii) No Committee was constituted for the year 1987-88 as the Assembly was placed under suspended animation on 11th May, 1987.

## 28. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee is nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker. It consists of nine Members one of whom is appointed as Chairman of the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The total number of sittings held year-wise is given below :—

| 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | 61 | Nil |

The Committee recommended the purchase of books costing about Rs. 33,927.24 in 1985-86 and Rs. 1,44,226.48 in 1986-87. Besides, the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals, magazines, etc. The Committee also suggested various measurs for effecting improvements in the working of the Library.

During the year 1986-87 the Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Jaipur, Bangalore, Mysore, Trivandrum and Kanyakumari and discussed matters of common interest with the Chairmen and Members of the Library Committees of Rajasthan and Karnataka Vidhan Sabhas.

## 29. HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period, the Committee considered various matters regarding comforts and convenience of Members staying in the MLAs' Hostels/Flats at Chandigarh and Punjab Bhawan/Punjab House, New Delhi, security arrangements at the MLAs' Hostels, provision of medical facilities to Members in Vidhan Bhawan during Session days, modernisation of kitchen of Canteen in MLAs' Hostel, provision of extra staff therein, opening of Milk-Bar in the Canteen, construction of Dispensary in the MLAs' Hostel, Cafeteria for visitors, accommodation for Gunmen accompanying Members, Cycle/Scooter Stand in the MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4, construction of cross and back boundary wall of MLAs' Flats, boundary wall and IRC welded mesh fencing around MLAs' Hostels, Sectors 3 and 4 and sentry boxes in various MLAs' Flats. It paid special attention to the cleanliness of MLAs' Hostels/Flats and MLAs' Hostel Canteen by getting these white-washed/distempered etc. at frequent intervals. The Committee also recommended that, penal rent mentioned in Part IV of sub-rule (d) of rule 3 of Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allotment of M.L.A.s' Flats, Servants' Quarters and Motor Garages) Rules, 1971, should be increased from four to eighty times the economic rent till the date of actual vacation of the premises.

Mowing of lawns and trimming of grass were regularly got done in the M.L.As' Hostels and Flats. Ornamental flowers were got planted in the lawns of the MLAs' Hostel. Obsolete and unserviceable items of furniture and other articles etc. provided in the Flats and Hostels were replaced/repaired by the Punjab PWD authorities at a cost of Rs. 1,90,300. Forty desert coolers in the Room Nos. 1 to 40 in the MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4 and sixteen desert coolers in Room Nos. 41 to 56 in the MLAs' Hostels, Sector 3 were got provided. Forty four geysers in the MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4 and sixteen in MLAs' Hostel, Sector-3 were also provided. In addition to these four water coolers in the MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4 and one in MLA Hostel, Sector-3 were also replaced by new ones. The tubes and bulbs which were unserviceable were also got replaced. Eighty four ceiling fans in the MLAs' Hostels were also got replaced.

During this period, the Committee visited New Delhi, Pushkar, District Ajmer (Rajasthan), Jaipur and Jodhpur and exchanged views of mutual interest with the counterpart Committee of Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha. It also called on the Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha and exchanged views of mutual and common interest.

The number of meetings of the House Committee held are given below year-wise :—

| Year | No. of meetings |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 3 |
| 1986-87 | 28 |
| 1987-88 | Nil |

The strength of House Committee is given below:—

| Year | No. of Members |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members. |
| 1986-87 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members. |
| 1987-88 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members. |

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## 30. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(i) The Committee on Petitions for the year 1985-86 discussed the Scope and Functions of the Committee. The Committee did not present any report.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1986-87 discussed the Scope and Functions of the Committee.

The Committee visited Madhopur, Katori Bangla, Jammu, Srinagar, Gulmarg Pahalgam, Shimla, Narkanda, Nangal, Ropar, New Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri (Agra), Ludhiana and Jaipur.

The Committee did not present any report.

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## 31. COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES.

### (i) 1985-86

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 1985-86, examined the Police Department in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 4th, 5th and 7th reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its Eleventh report to the House on 31st March, 1986.

The Committee visited New Delhi once.

### (ii) 1986-87

The Committee for the year 1986-87, examined the Health and Family Welfare Department in connection with the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the 7th, 9th and 10th reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its Twelfth report to the House on 31st March, 1987.

The Committee visited Nangal, Madhopur, Patiala, New Dehli, Shimla Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pehalgam and Jaipur

**(iii) 1987-88**

The Committee for the year 1987-88 held one meeting on 29th April, 1987 and could not prepare/present any report as the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation on 11th May, 1987.

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## 32. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE

The work done by the Committee during the period under review is mentioned below year-wise :—

**1985-86**

The Committee considered the laying of the Annual Reports of various Public Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House.

The Committee held its all meetings at New Delhi.

The Committee could not prepare/present any report.

**1986-87**

The Committee orally examined the departmental representatives of the following Corporations/Bodies in regard to the delay in laying of Annual Reports, Audit Reports and Annual Accounts on the Table of the House :—

(1) The Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Limited ;

(2) The Punjab Film and News Corporation Limited ;

(3) The Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation Limited ;

(4) Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation Limited ;

(5) The Punjab Co-operative Institutions/Societies.

The Committee also considered the laying of the Annual Reports of various Public-Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan States also.

The Committee presented its Fourth Report to the House on the 30th March, 1987.

## 1987-88

The Committee selected the following statutory organisations/autonomous Bodies for examination which had not been examined by the Committee earlier, but could not proceed with work as the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was placed under suspended animation on 11th May, 1987, which was later on dissolved on 6th March, 1988:—

(1) The Punjab Handlooms and Textile Development Corporation Limited ;

(2) The Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited ;

(3) The Punjab Women and Children Welfare and Development Corporation ;

(4) The Punjab Ex-servicemen Corporation ;

(5) The Punjab State Forest Development Corporation ;

(6) The Goindwal Industrial and Investment Corporation of Punjab;

(7) Punjab Horticulture Corporation.

The Committee held only one meeting.

The Committee could not prepare/present any report.

## 33. RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave rulings on or made observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 34. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various points of order, reference may be made to Resume of Sessions, held during the period under review.

## 35. APPENDIX

### List of Bills which were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

**First Session, 1985**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 1985.

2. The Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1985.

3. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1985.

4. The Punjab Municipal (Second Amendment) Bill, 1985.

5. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1985.

6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 5) Bill , 1985.

**Second (Budget) Session, 1986**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1986.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1986.

3. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill,1986.

4. The Punjab Contingency Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

5. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

6. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

7. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

8. The Punjab Municipal (Executive Officer) Amendment Bill, 1986.

9. The Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

10. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Repeal and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 1986.

11. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1986.

12. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 1986.

13. The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Amendment Bill, 1986.

14. The Punjab Gram Panchayats (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

**Fourth (Winter) Session, 1986.**

1. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

2. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

3. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Second Amendment Bill, 1986.

4. The Punjab Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals (Validation of Adjudications) Bill, 1986.

5. The Punjab Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1986.

6. The Punjab Livestock and Birds Diseases (Amendment) Bill,1986.

7. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

8. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

9. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

10. The Salaries and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

11. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1986.

12. The Punjab Privately Managed Recognised Schools Employees (Security of Service) Amendment Bill, 1986.

**Fifth (Budget) Session, 1987.**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1987.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 1987.

3. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1987.

4. The Punjab School Education Board (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

5. The Punjab Rural Development Bill, 1987.

6. The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1987.

7. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Tenth Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 16th March, 1992 to 11th February, 1997. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication, reviewing the work done by the Tenth Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

Chandigarh : UJAGAR SINGH,

The 5th June, 1997 Secretary.

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# 1. THE ASSEMBLY: ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The Tenth Vidhan Sabha consisted of 117 Members elected from 117 Constituencies. It met for the first time on the 16th March, 1992.

During the period under review i.e. from the 16th March, 1992 to 11th February, 1997 (the date on which the Tenth Vidhan Sabha was dissolved by the Governor under Sub-Clause(b) of clause 2 of Article 174 of the Constitution of India), three seats were rendered vacant due to passing away of Sardar Harcharn Singh Ajnala, election of Sh. Raghubir Singh held void by Punjab & Haryana High Court on 23rd December, 1993 and resignation of Sardar Umrao Singh being elected to the Lok Sabha, representing the Ajnala, Gidderbaha and Nakodar Constituencies respectively and Dr. Rattan Singh, S. Manpreet Singh Badal and S. Amarjit Singh Samra were declared elected in the by-elections from the above Constituencies. Thereafter 4 more Constituencies were rendered vacant due to passing away of S. Beant Singh, S. Baldev Singh Paccakalan, S. Dilbagh Singh Nawanshahar and S. Karam Singh Gill on 31st August, 1995, 11th September, 1995, 18th March, 1996 and 8th June, 1996 respectively and same were not filled up till the dissolution of the Assembly on 11th February, 1997.

The Governor under Article 180 (1) of the Constitution of India appointed Sardar Harcharn Singh Ajnala, a Member of Tenth Vidha n Sabha to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178,—*vide* his order dated the 28th February, 1992. Subsequently he was elected as Speaker on the 17th March, 1992.

Sh. Romesh Chander Dogra, another Member of Tenth Vidhan Sahha was elected as Deputy Speaker on the 7th April, 1992.

On the passing away of Sardar Harcharn Singh Ajnala on 9th June, 1993, the office of the Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha was rendered vacant and Sh. Harnam Das Johar was elected as Speaker on the 21st July, 1993.

Sh. Harnam Das Johar resigned the office of the Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 23rd November, 1996 (A.N.) on his being inducted as Minister and in his place Sardar Dilbagh Singh Daleke was elected as Speaker on 23rd December, 1996 (A.N.)

Shri Romesh Chander Dogra, Deputy Speaker resigned the office of the Deputy Speaker on 7th January, 1996 (A.N.) on his being inducted as Minister of State and in his place Shri Naresh Thakur was elected as Deputy Speaker on 28th February, 1996 (F.N.).

The Deputy Speaker performing the duties of the office of Speaker under Article 180 (1) of the Constitution of India recognised with effect from 16th May, 1993, —*vide* order dated 5th July, 1993, the Bhartiya Janata Party (Punjab) consisting of two Members, namely, Dr. Romesh Dutt Sharma, MLA and Dr. Harbans Lal, MLA which constituted a faction which had arisen as a result of split in the original BJP under the provision of sub-paragraph (I) of paragraph 2 of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

The following Members of the United Communist Party of India, Indian People's Front and Bhartiya Janta Party (Punjab) merged into the Congress (I) Legislature Party in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha under the provision of Paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India :—

| Sr. No. | Name of the Party | Date on which merged into Congress (I) Legislature Party |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sh. Baldev Singh Ballamgarh, MLA, (The lone Member of the U.C.P.I.) | 16-7-1993 |
| 2 | (i) Dr. Romesh Dutt Sharma, MLA, BJP (Punjab)<br>(ii) Dr. Harbans Lal, MLA, BJP (Punjab) | 15-12-1993 |
| 3 | Com. Surjan Singh Joga, MLA (The lone Member of I.P.F.) | 1-9-1994 |

During the period under review the Vidhan Sabha held in all 121 sittings spread over (Thirteen) Sessions, as follows ;—

| Year | | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | 3rd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1992 | | 19 | 3 | 2 | 24 |
| 1993 | .. | 20 | 2 | 2 | 24 |
| 1994 | .. | 21 | 3 | .. | 24 |
| 1995 | .. | 23 | 4 | .. | 27 |
| 1996 | .. | 15 | 5 | 2 | 22 |
| Total | .. | .. | .. | .. | 121 |

These sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed Members of the Tenth Vidhan Sabha during the period under review.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhawan, Chandigarh.

## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESS

There were 5 Special Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Vidhan Sabha beginning with the first Session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 1992. Each of these Addresses was discussed on Motion of Thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below ;—

| Year | Period | Amendments |
|---|---|---|
| 1992 | .. 3 days | 7 |
| 1993 | .. 4 days | 7 |
| 1994 | .. 5 days | .. |
| 1995 | .. 4 days | 10 |
| 1996 | .. 4 days | 8 |

The amendments moved by the Members of the Opposition were lost.

The Motions of Thanks were carried in the form these were moved.

# 3. LEGISLATION

## I. Official

The Tenth Vidhan Sabha passed 92 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows :—

| Year | | Number of Bills |
|---|---|---|
| 1992 | .. | 18 |
| 1993 | .. | 24 |
| 1994 | .. | 18 |
| 1995 | .. | 21 |
| 1996 | .. | 11 |

The number of new Bills was 14, of amending Bills 64 and of Appropriation Bills 14.

The new Bills and amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in the Appendix I. For synopsis of these Bills, reference may be made to the Resume of different Sessions.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the Appropriation of money voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, the figures being Rs. 3,12,24,81,000 for 1991-92 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 91,82,46,16,000 for 1992-93 (including vote-on-account for Rs. 22,80,75,94,000), Rs. 1,96,57,71,000 for 1992-93 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 74,52,17,23,000 for 1993-94, Rs. 4,76,65,78,000 for 1993-94 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 87,48,61,91,000 for 1994-95, Rs. 18,74,94,80,000 for 1994-95 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 1,29,63,62,68,000 for 1995-96, (Rs. 7,07,63,25,000 for 1995-96 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 1,13,45,38,53,000 for the year 1996-97.

The total number of amendments received in respect of these Bills except the Appropriation Bills was 170 (18 from the Treasury Benches and 152 from the Opposition Benches).

## II. Non-Official :

The following notices of private Members were received but were disallowed by the Hon'ble Speaker on one ground or the other :—

1. The Minimum Wages (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1994.
2. The Hindu Succession (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1995.

## 4. QUESTIONS

The following table gives the information about Questions :—

**Starred**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Total number of notices of Starred Questions received | 8175 |
| (b) | Total number of notices of Starred Questions admitted | 3414 |
| (c) | Total number of Starred Questions answered orally | 1361 |
| (d) | Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 | 315 |
| (e) | Total number of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | 695 |
| (f) | Total number of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. | 1043 |

**Unstarred**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions received | 1051 |
| (b) | Total number of notices of Unstarred Questions admitted | 679 |
| (c) | Total number of Unstarred Questions answered | 531 |
| (d) | Total number of Unstarred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the condition of the notice period, etc. | 148 |

**Short Notice**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Total number of notices of Short Notice Questions received | 10 |
| (b) | Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted | 1 |
| (c) | Total number of Short Notice Questions answered | 1 |

The year-wise distribution of Questions may be seen in the following Table :—

TABLE

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supple-mentaries | No. of S.Q. deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 | No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1992 | 1014 | 595 | 188 | 426 | 9 | 123 |
| 1993 | 1096 | 690 | 286 | 825 | 57 | 63 |
| 1994 | 1589 | 953 | 385 | 991 | 76 | 324 |
| 1995 | 3689 | 653 | 337 | 1061 | 55 | 103 |
| 1996 | 787 | 523 | 165 | 570 | 118 | 82 |

| No. of Unstarred Questions given notice of | No. of Unstarred Questions admitted | No. of Unstarred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 180 | 90 | 61 | 1 | .. | .. |
| 150 | 108 | 76 | 2 | .. | .. |
| 224 | 137 | 111 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 301 | 208 | 187 | .. | .. | .. |
| 196 | 136 | 96 | 3 | .. | .. |

# 5. RESOLUTIONS

## I. Official

Seventeen Official Resolutions were discussed and carried during the period under review. The subject-matter of each and the date of the discussion and its being carried are given below :—

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Resolution regarding nomination of the elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1992-93 | .. 31-3-1992 |
| 2 | Resolution under Article 252 (2) of the Constitution of India regarding adoption of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 for the State of Punjab | .. 9-4-1992 (A.N. Sitting) |
| 3 | Ratification of amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clause (a) of the proviso to clause 2 of Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Seventy-sixth Amendment) Bill, 1992, as passed by the Houses of Parliament | .. 14-7-1992 |
| 4 | Ratification of amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clauses (c) and (e) of the proviso to clause 2 of Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Seventy-second Amendment) Bill, 1991, as passed by the Houses of Parliament | .. 23-2-1993 |
| 5 | Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clauses (c) and (e) of the proviso to clause 2 of Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Seventy-third Amendment) Bill, 1991, as passed by the Houses of Parliament | .. 23-2-1993 |
| 6 | Resolution regarding nomination of the elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1993-94 | .. 12-3-1993 |
| 7 | Resolution regarding condemnation of bomb blast in Bombay | .. 15-3-1993 |
| 8 | Resolution under Article 169 of the Constitution of India regarding creation of Legislative Council of State | .. 7-4-1993 |

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | Ratification of amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clause (b) of the proviso to Clause (2) of Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Seventy-seventh Amendment) Bill, 1992, as passed by the Houses of Parliament | .. 28-12-1993 |
| 10 | Resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution of of India regarding adoption of Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1994 by the State of Punjab | .. 28-12-1993 |
| 11 | Resolution regarding nomination of the elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1994-95 | .. 25-3-1994 (After noon sitting) |
| 12 | Resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution of India regarding adoption of "The Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993" | ... 7-9-1994 |
| 13 | Resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution of India regarding discouraging of the use of Tabacoo and Tabacoo products | ... 21-3-1996 (Morning Sitting) |
| 14 | Resolution regarding nomination of the elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1996-97 | .. 22-3-1996 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 15 | Resolution under section 65 (3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding enhancement of borrowing limit of Punjab State Electricity Board from Rs. 1000 crores to Rs. 2000 crores | .. 17-9-1996 |
| 16 | Resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution of India regarding Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 (Central Act No. 42 of 1994) for the State of Punjab | .. 17-9-1996 |
| 17 | Resolution regarding recommendation to the Government of India to take steps to get a resolution passed by the Parliament to urge the United Nations Organisation (UNO) to celebrate the year 1999 as the "Year of Human Spirit" so that Guru Gobind Singh's message of 'oneness of Mankind' may be highlighted Internationally. | .. 24-12-1996 |

**II-Non-Official :**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of notices of Resolutions received | .. | 856 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions admitted | .. | 674 |
| Total number of notices of Resolutions discussed | .. | 17 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried | .. | 8 |
| Total number of Resolutions withdrawn | .. | 10 |
| Total number of Resolutions lost | .. | ... |
| Total number of Resolutions on which no decision was taken but lapsed | .. | 134 |

The year-wise receipt of notices of Resolutions was as follows :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1992 | .. | 151 |
| 1993 | .. | 123 |
| 1994 | .. | 331 |
| 1995 | .. | 192 |
| 1996 | .. | 59 |

The number of resolutions discussed was Three in 1992, Four in 1993, Three in 1994, Four in 1995 and Three in 1996. These resolutions were discussed on 17 days during this period as follows :—

| Year | | days |
|---|---|---|
| 1992 | .. | 3 |
| 1993 | .. | 4 |
| 1994 | .. | 3 |
| 1995 | .. | 4 |
| 1996 | .. | 3 |

The subject matter of each resolution which was discussed as well information about what happened to it is given in Appendix II with appropriate remarks.

**III. Joint Resolution :**

The following Joint Resolution given notice of by Chaudhary Santokh Singh, Chaudhary Jagjit Singh, Shri Satnam Singh Kainth, Shri Jagdish Sawhney, Smt. Vimla Dang, Shri Hardev Arshi, Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal and Com. Tarsem Jodhan, M. L. As, was moved by Chaudhary Santokh Singh, M. L. A. on 21st September, 1995 :—

"In view of the extensive damage caused to standing crops, houses and soil due to recent heavy rains in the State, this House recommends to the State Government to undertake a survey of the flood affected areas in the State in order to provide adequate compensation to the flood affected people and to take short and long term measures to avoid recurrence of floods in the State due to heavy rains in future. The House also urges upon the Punjab Government to ensure that departments of Drainage and Irrigation shall undertake the construction and flood protection works on war footing without any lapse."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

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## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Total number of notices of Adjourment Motions received during the period under review was 56 (14 in 1992, 12 in 1993, 15 in 1994, 7 in 1995 and 8 in 1996). Of these, three were converted into Motion under Rule 77 and discussed jointly on 25th March, 1992. In another case, the Adjournment Motion was disallowed but a copy thereof was sent to the Government for necessary action. All the remaining 52 notices of Adjournment Motions were disallowed.

## 7. CALL ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was called to as many as 640 matters relating to different subjects. Session-wise break-up of these Call Attention Notices is given below :—

| Sr. No. | Session | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Budget (Ist) Session, 1992 | 51 |
| 2. | Monsoon (2nd) Session, 1992 | 11 |
| 3. | Winter (3rd) Session, 1992 | 7 |
| 4. | Budget (4th) Session, 1993 | 88 |
| 5. | Monsoon (5th) Session, 1993 | 15 |
| 6. | Winter (6th) Session, 1993 | 22 |
| 7. | Budget (7th) Session, 1994 | 111 |
| 8 | Monsoon (8th) Session, 1994 | 49 |
| 9. | Budget (9th) Session, 1995 | 90 |
| 10. | Monsoon (10th) Session 1995 | 22 |
| 11. | Budget (11th) Session, 1996 | 108 |
| 12. | Monsoon (12th) Session 1996 | 51 |
| 13. | Winter (13th) Session 1996 | 15 |
| | Total | 640 |

*Note* : For details, reference may be made to the Resume of different Sessions.

## 8. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all 20 notices of Motion under Rule 77 (6 in 1992, 4 in 1993, 3 in 1994, 3 in 1995 and 4 in 1996) were received. Out of these 7 were admitted as per details given below :—

| Serial No. | Subject | Notices received on | Date on which discussed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mass killings by terrorists in Ludhiana | 21-3-1992 | *25-3-1992 |
| 2 | Mass killings by terrorists | 23-3-1992 | |
| 3 | Killings by terrorists after the installation of the Government | 24-3-1992 | |
| 4 | Improved situation due to the effective steps taken by the State Government on Law and Order front and other confidence building measures adopted by the Government | 13-7-1992 | (Since the Chief Minister had already exprssed his views on the Law and Order situation in the State, the House agreed with the proposal of Shri Santokh Singh Chaudhary not to discuss this Motion) |
| 5 | Situation arising out of the recent floods in the State. | 16-7-1993 | 21-7-1993 |

*(3 Motions were clubbed into one).

## 9. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of 42 notices seeking to raise Questions of Privilege were received/mentioned in the House, 1 in 1992, 8 in 1993, 5 in 1994, 10 in 1995 and 18 in 1996. Out of these 42 notices, 4 were lapsed on the Prorogation of the House and in the case of remaining notices, the Speaker did not give his consent to the Questions of Privilege being raised. None of the Questions of Privilege were referred to the Committee of Privileges during the period under review.

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## 10. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :—

| Year | Amount |
|---|---|
| 1992—93 | Rs, 91, 82, 46, 16,000 |
| 1993—94 | Rs. 74, 52, 17, 23,000 |
| 1994—95 | Rs. 87, 48, 61, 91,000 |
| 1995—96 | Rs. 1, 29, 63, 62, 68,000 |
| 1996—97 | Rs. 1, 13, 45, 38, 53,000 |

### Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations

Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations for the years given below and the Demands for the amounts shown, were carried on the dates given in the table below :—

| Years | Amount | Presented on | Discussed and carried on |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1979—80 to 1986—87 | Rs. 4,00,34,99,918 | 25-3-1994 | 6-4-1994 |
| 1987—88 to 1989—90 | Rs. 8,06,14,02,588 | 19-9-1995 | 20-9-1995 |

*Note* : For details, reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

Six Supplementary Estimates (two in 1995-96) were presented to and voted by the Sabha for the amount as mentioned below :—

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bills passed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1991—92 | Rs. 3,12,24,81,000 | 26-3-1992 (Morning sitting) | 27-3-1992 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 1992—93 | Rs. 1,96,57,71,000 | 3-3-1993 | 5-3-1993 |
| 1993—94 | Rs. 4,76,65,78,000 | 15-3-1994 | 16-3-1994 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 1994—95 | Rs. 18,74,94,80,000 | 10-3-1995 | 14-3-1995 |
| 1995—96 | Rs. 2,92,31,66,000 (Ist instalment) | 19-9-1995 | 20-9-1995 |
| 1995—96 | Rs. 4,15,31,59,000 (2nd Instalment) | 1-3-1996 | 12-3-1996 |

## 11. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

During the period, notices of two Substantive Motions were recieved [one each in Monsoon (2nd) Session, 1992 (Disallowed) and Monsoon (5th) Session, 1993].

The notice of Substantive Motion given by Sardar Malkiat Singh Birmi, M. L. A. (with 3 others) regarding censuring the conduct of Sardar Baldev Singh Bhatti, MLA (Belonging to B. S. P.) who had allegedly raped Miss Kulwant Kaur in the MLAs Hostel, Sector-3, Chandigarh during the first week of June, 1993 and later on forcing her father at gun point to push her into the canal was received in 1993 and was discussed and carried on 21st July, 1993.

## 12. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made 21 statements on the Floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. Number of statements made by each of them was as follows :—

| | |
|---|---|
| Chief Minister | .. 20 |
| Finance Minister | .. 1 |
| Total | .. 21 |

In addition, 102 statements were made in the House by various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these statements, a reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 13. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review were 1278. The time taken thereon was **282** hours **38** minutes in 13 Sessions with 121 sittings excluding the ones when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha. Out of these speeches, 346 were made by the Members of Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 180 by Ministers, and 752 by other Opposition Groups including B. S. P., B. J. P., C. P. I., S. A. D, B. J. P. (P), C. P. I. (M), J. D. I. P. F., U. C. P. I. and Independents, the time taken in each case being 98 hours 34 minutes, 53 hours 19 minutes, and 130 hours 45 minutes respectively.

The year-wise break-up of the above figures is given in the Statement below :—

## 14. WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 126 Walk-outs by individual Members/Members of different groups during the period under review. The table below gives the Session-wise figures :—

| Serial No. | Session | | Number of Walk-outs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Budget (First) Session, 1992 | .. | 5 |
| 2. | Monsoon (Second) Session, 1992 | .. | 3 |
| 3. | Winter (Third) Session, 1992 | .. | 1 |
| 4. | Budget (Fourth) Session, 1993 | .. | 27 |
| 5. | Monsoon (Fifth) Session, 1993 | .. | Nil |
| 6. | Winter (Sixth) Session, 1993 | .. | 2 |
| 7. | Budget (Seventh) Session, 1994 | .. | 24 |
| 8. | Monsoon (Eighth) Session, 1994 | ... | Nil |
| 9. | Budget (Ninth) Session, 1995 | ... | 17 |
| 10. | Monsoon (Tenth) Session, 1995 | .. | 7 |
| 11. | Budget (Eleventh) Session 1996 | .. | 26 |
| 12. | Monsoon (Twelfth) Session, 1996 | .. | 11 |
| 13. | Winter (Thirteenth) Session, 1996 | ... | 3 |
| | | Total : | 126 |

## 15. DIVISION

Only one division (recorded) was held during the Budget (Fourth) Session, 1993.

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## 16. UNPARLIAMENTARY/UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held by the Speaker as Unparliamentary/ Undesirable. For details, reference may be made to the Resume of various Sessions.

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## 17. COMMITTEES

In 1992 there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees ;—

1. Business Advisory Committee
2. Committee on Public Accounts
3. Committee on Estimates
4. Committee on Public Undertakings
5. Rules Committee
6. Committee of Privileges
7. Committee on Government Assurances
8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation
9. General Purposes Committee
10. Library Committee
11. House Committee
12. Committee on Petitions
13. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes
14. Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the Table.

The various Committees of the 10th Punjab Vidhan Sabha i. e. from 1992-93 to 1996-97 were nominated in accordance with the Resolutions adopted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 31st March, 1992, 12th March, 1993, 25th March, 1994, 10th March, 1995 and 22nd March, 1996 respectively and the relevant Rules of the Rules of Procedure. The Speaker appointed Chairmen of the above Committees under Rule 184 (1) read with rule 207 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

The membership of these Committees is given below :—

| Serial No. | Names of the Committee | 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Business Advisory Committee | Speaker as *Ex-Officio* Chairman and not more than five other Members |
| 2 | Committee on Public Accounts | Thirteen Members |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | Committee on Estimates | Not more than thirteen Members |
| 4 | Committee on Public Undertakings | Thirteen Members |
| 5 | Rules Committee | Ten Members including the Speaker |
| 6 | Committee of Privileges | Not more than twelve Members |
| 7 | Committee on Government Assurances | Not more than thirteen Members |
| 8 | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than thirteen Members (including the Advocate General). |
| 9 | General Purposes Committee | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised parties and groups in the House and such other members as may be nominated by the Speakers |
| 10 | Library Committee | Nine Members |
| 11 | House Committee | Deputy Speaker as *Ex-Officio* Chairman and eight other Members |
| 12 | Committee or Petitions | Not more than thirteen Members |
| 13 | Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | Not more than thirteen Members |
| 14 | Committee on Papers laid/to be laid on the Table | Not more than ten Members |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees yearwise alongwith the number of Reports presented by each is given in the following statement :—

*STATEMENT

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | | Number of meetings 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97* | Number of reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Business Advisory Committee | .. | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 25 |
| 2 | Committee on Public Accounts | .. | 46 | 54 | 46 | 53 | 26 | 25 |
| 3 | Committee on Estimates | .. | 44 | 71 | 34 | 32 | 26 | 18 |
| 4 | Committee on Public Undertakings | .. | 66 | 42 | 35 | 31 | 21 | 11 |
| 5 | Rules Committee | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 6 | Committee of Privileges | .. | 10 | 18 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| 7 | Committee on Government Assurances | .. | 57 | 49 | 32 | 40 | 27 | 3 |
| 8 | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | .. | 22 | 24 | 27 | 17 | 25 | 4 |
| 9 | General Purposes Committee | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 10 | Library Committee | .. | 22 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 10 | .. |
| 11 | House Committee | .. | 10 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 1 | .. |
| 12 | Committee on Petitions | .. | 25 | 23 | 5 | 3 | 8 | .. |
| 13 | Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classess | .. | 45 | 52 | 42 | 37 | 18 | 8 |
| 14 | Committee on Papers laid/ to be laid on the Table | .. | 30 | 24 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 4 |

## 18. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, the Committee made recommendations about the datewise programme, discussion on demands for grants and various other items of business before the House. The Committee presented to the House, 6, 4, 5, 5 and 3 reports, respectively.

*This information is upto 11th February, 1997 when the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

## 19. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

1. The Membership of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1992-93 to 1996-97 was thirteen.

2. The total number of meetings held yearwise alongwith the number of Reports presented is given in the following statement ;—

STATEMENT

| Year | Number of meetings | Number of Reports Presented |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 46 | 5 |
| 1993-94 | 54 | 7 |
| 1994-95 | 46 | 6 |
| 1995-96 | 53 | 7 |
| 1996-97 | 26 | — |

3. (i) The Committee for the year 1992-93 presented 5 Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Serial No. | Report No. | Relating to | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 84th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1978-79 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Revenue Department | 21-12-1992 |
| 2 | 85th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1979-80 and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) realting to Revenue Department | 21-12-1992 |
| 3 | 86th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 (Civil). | 17-3-1993 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 87th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Transport Department. | 17-3-1993 |
| 5 | 88th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 (Civil) relating to General. | 18-3-1993 |

The Committee also scrutinised the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee appointed one Implementation Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee held two meetings.

The Committee also held meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

*(ii)* The Committee for the year 1993-94 presented 7 Reports to the House as detailed below ;—

| Serial No. | Report No. | Relating to | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 89th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1979-80 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1979-80 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise & Taxation and Agriculture Departments. | 29-12-1993 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 90th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Transport Department. | 29-12-1993 |
| 3 | 91st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1982-83 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1982-83 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 29-12-1993 |
| 4 | 92nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1980-81 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1980-81 (Civil), | 15-3-1994 |
| 5 | 93rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1983-84, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1989-90 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1983-84, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1989-90 (Civil) relating to Printing and Stationery Department. | 15-3-1994 |
| 6 | 94th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1975-76 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1972-73 (Advance), 1973-74 and 1975-76 (Supplementary) (Civil). | 29-3-1994 |
| 7 | 95th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 (Revenue Receipts) relating to Revenue Department. | 29-3-1994 |

The Committee also scrutinised the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee also held meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Jalandhar, Bangalore, Mysore, Hyderabad and Nanded.

The Committee visited Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh States and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest with its counterpart Committees.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1994-95 presented 6 Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Relating to | Date of presentation in the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 96th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1980-81 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1980-81 (Civil) relating to PWD (B &R) and Health & Family Welfare Departments. .. | 9-3-1995 |
| 2 | 97th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1981-82 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1981-82 (Civil). .. | 9-3-1995 |
| 3 | 98th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1981-82 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1981-82 (Revenue Receipts). .. | 9-3-1995 |
| 4 | 99th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1982-83 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1982-83 (Civil). .. | 22-3-1995 |
| 5 | 100th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1982-83 and 1983-84 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1982-83 and 1983-84 (Revenue Receipts). .. | 22-3-1995 |
| 6 | 101st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1981-82 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1981-82 (Civil). .. | 29-3-1995 |

The Committee also scrutinised the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee also held meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1995-96 presented 7 Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Relating to | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 102nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1982-83 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1982-83 (Civil). | .. 12-3-1996 |
| 2 | 103rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1980-81 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1980-81 (Revenue Receipts). | .. 12-3-1996 |
| 3 | 104th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 & 1990-91 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1984-85 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (Civil) relating to Transport Department. | .. 12-3-1996 |
| 4 | 105th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1983-84 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1983-84 (Civil). | .. 21-3-1996 |
| 5 | 106th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 & 1985-86 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 & 1985-86 (Civil) relating to Co-operation Department. | .. 21-3-1996 |
| 6 | 107th | Apropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1987-88, 1988-89 & 1989-90 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1987-88, 1988-89 & 1989-90 (Civil) relating to Public Works (B & R) Department. | .. 22-3-1996 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 108th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1990-91 & 1991-92 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1990-91 & 1991-92 (Civil) relating to Animal Husbandry and Public Works (B & R) Departments. | .. 22-3-1996 |

The Committee also scrutinised the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee held one meeting at Shahpur Kandi for an on-the-spot study of Ranjit Sagar Dam,

The Committee also held meetings at Shimla, New Delhi and Fatehpur Sikri.

(v) The Committee for the year 1996-97 held 26 meetings. The Committee scrutinised the replies received from the Departments of Agriculture, Transport, P.W.D. (Public Health) and (B & R), Revenue, Excise and Taxation and Irrigation in respect of various paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (Civil) and (Revenue Receipts).

The Committee also scrutinised the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee on Public Accounts of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with Public Accounts Committee on matters of mutual interest.

The Committee also held meetings at New Delhi.

## 20. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 1992-93 examined the Budget Estimates for the year 1992-93 of the following Departments :—

1. Food and Supplies Department;
2. Hospitality Department;
3. Cooperation Department;
4. General Administration Department (Punjab Bhawan Complex, New Delhi);
5. Irrigation Department; and
6. The Public Works (B & R) Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1992-93.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its three Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1992-93 in respect of the following Departments :—

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Hospitality Department .. | 16-3-1993 |
| 2. | Food and Supplies Department .. | 19-3-1993 |
| 3. | Cooperation Department .. | 19-3-1993 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1992-93 to the House on 3rd March, 1993.

The Committee appointed its three Sub-Committees :—

1. Scrutiny Sub-Committee ;
2. Implementation Sub-Committee; and
3. Drafting Sub-Committee.

The Committee also held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Aamkhas Bagh (Sirhind), Leh (Jammu and Kashmir) and Nangal.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1993-94 examined the Budget Estimates for the year 1993-94 of the following Departments :—

1. Education Department;

2. Irrigation Department;

3. Health and Family Welfare Department ; and

4. General Administration Department (Punjab Bhawan Complex, New Delhi).

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1993-94.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement he recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its three Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1993-94 in respect of the following Departments :—

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Education Department | .. 31-3-1994 |
| 2. | General Administration (Punjab Bhawan Complex, New Delhi), | .. 31-3-1994 |
| 3. | Irrigation Department | .. 31-3-1994 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1993-94 to the House on 15th March, 1994.

The Committee appointed its two Sub-Committees :—

1. Implementation Sub-Committee; and

2. Drafting Sub-Committee.

The Committee also held meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1994-95 examined the Budget Estimates for the year 1994-95 of the following Departments :—

1. Transport Department;

2. Agriculture Department; and

3. Forest and Wild Life Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1994-95.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its four Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1994-95 in respect of the following Departments :—

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Health and Family Welfare Department | .. 7-3-1995 |
| 2 | Transport Department | .. 30-3-1995 |
| 3 | Agriculture Department | .. 30-3-1995 |
| 4 | Forest and Wild Life Department | .. 30-3-1995 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1994-95 to the House on 10th March, 1995.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla and Nangal also.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1995-96 examined the Budget Estimates for the year 1995-96 of the following Departments :—

1. Town and Country Planning Department ;
2. Local Government Department; and
3. Animal Husbandry Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1995-96 (1st and 2nd Instalments).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its three Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1995-96 in respect of the following Departments :—

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Town and Country Planning Department | .. 21-3-1996 |
| 2 | Local Government Department | .. 22-3-1996 |
| 3 | Animal Husbandry Department | .. 22-3-1996 |

The Committee also presented its Reports on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1995-96 to the House (1st Instalment) and (2nd Instalment) on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1995-96 on 19th September, 1995 and 1st March, 1996 respectively.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

(v) The Committee for the year 1996-97 examined the Budget Estimates for the year 1996-97 of the following Departments :—

1. Excise and Taxation Department; and

2. Revenue Department.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee could not present any Report due to the declaration of General Elections to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi also.

## 21. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 1992-93 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab State Electricity Board and Pepsu Road Transport Corporation in respect of its General Working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee scrutinised the audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1982-83 to 1989-90 (Commercial) and framed questionnaire.

The Committee scrutinised the replies to the questionnaire on the audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1974-75 to 1979-80 and 1984-85 to 1989-90 (Commercial) in respect of the Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab Wireless System Limited, Electronic System Limited, Punjab Tanneries Limited, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Limited and Punjab Films and News Corporation Limited but could not prepare its Reports for want of time.

The Committee presented to the House on the 16th March, 1993, 18th March, 1993 respectively its 40th, 41st Reports and also presented to the Hon. Speaker its 42nd Report on the Audit Paras appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1989-90 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab Dairy Development Corporation, Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Limited and Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Limited respectively.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinised the Statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government/Public Undertakings on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1993-94 orally examined the representatives of the Irrigation and Power Department, Transport Department, Punjab State Electricity Board and Pepsu Road Transport Corporation in respect of General Working of Punjab State Electricity Board and Pepsu Road Transport Corporation. The Committee presented to the House on the 17th March, 1994 its 44th Report in respect of the Pepsu Road Tranport Corporation. The Report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committee. The Committee could not draft report in respect of Punjab State Electricity Board for want of time.

The Committee scrutinised the replies or the audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1974-75, 1976-77 and 1978-79 to 1991-92 (Commercial) and also framed General Questionnaire in respect of audit paras contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 (Commercial).

The Committee also scrutinised the replies on the audit paras contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1983-84 to 1988-89, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (Commercial) in respect of the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Limited, Punjab Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Punjab Tanneries Limited, Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab Wireless System Limited, and Goindwal Industrial and Investment Corporation Limited and orally examined the representatives of the Industries Department,

Food and Supplies Department and concerned Corporations relating to their audit paras, but could not prepare its report for want of time.

The Committee also scrutinised the replies to the questionnaire framed on the audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1981-82, 1982-83, 1984-85, 1986-87, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited. The Committee presented to the House on the 25th March, 1994 its 45th Report. The Report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committee.

Before it, the Committee presented to the House on the 29th December, 1993 its 43rd Report on the Audit Paras appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1974-75, 1976-77 and 1978-79 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board. The Report was prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committee for the year 1992-93.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinised statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government/Public Undertakings on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee further considered and made amendments in its Internal Working Rules with the approval of the Hon. Speaker.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1994-95 scrutinised the material in respect of the General Working of the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited and Punjab Communications Limited respectively. The Committee presented to the House on the 29th March, 1995 its 50th and 51st Reports in respect of the Public Undertakings mentioned above. The Reports were prepared on the basis of evidence tendered before and the information supplied to the Committee.

The Committee scrutinised the replies on the audit paras contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1990-91 and 1992-93 (Commercial) and also framed questionnaire in respect of the audit paras contained in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1992-93 (Commercial).

The Committee presented to the House on the 20th March, 1995 its 46th, 47th and on the 21st March, 1995 its 48th and 49th Reports after scrutinising the replies of Audit Paras appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1980-81, 1982-83, 1985-86, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (Commercial) relating to Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Punjab Communications Limited, Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Goindwal Industrial and Investment Corporation of Punjab Limited, Punjab State Handloom and Textiles Development Corporation Limited, Punjab Dairy Development Corporation Limited and Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1995-96 framed questionnaire on the material received from the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board in respect of its General Working and orally examined the representatives of the Government Department/Corporation but could not present its Report for want of time.

The Committee presented to the House on the 22nd March, 1996 its Report after scrutinising the replies of Audit Paras appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1983-84, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Tube-well Corporation Limited, Punjab Power Packs Limited, Punjab Khand Udyog Limited, Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation Limited, Punjab Micro Nutrients Limited and Punjab Records Limited.

The Committee scrutinised the replies on the audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1982-83 to 1993-94 (Commercial) and also framed general questionnaire.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government/Public Undertakings on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

(v) The Committee for the year 1996-97 framed questionnaire on the material received from the Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited and Punjab State Electricity Board (Production) in respect of the General Working but could not prepare its Reports for want of time.

The Committee also scrutinised the replies on the audit paras contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1985-86, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1991-92, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (Commercial) in respect of Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab Poultry Development Corporation Limited, Punjab Communications Limited and Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited.

Besides, the Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government/Public Undertakings to implement the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

Statement showing the number of meetings held by the Committee, year-wise

| 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 42 | 35 | 31 | 21 |

Number of Reports Presented, year-wise

| 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | .. |

Meetings held by the Committee at places other than Chandigarh

| Year | Place |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 | Shimla, Bhatinda, New Delhi, Patiala, Ropar and Nangal. |
| 1993-94 | Shimla, Madhopur and Shahpur Kandi. |
| 1994-95 | New Delhi, Nangal, Garhshanker, Madhopur and Shahpur Kandi. |
| 1995-96 | Shimla, New Delhi, Rajpura, Bhatinda, Amritsar and Nangal. |
| 1996-97 | New Delhi and Shimla. |

## 22. RULES COMMITTEE

The Rules Committee for the year 1992-93 was nominated but did not hold any meeting.

The Committee for the year 1993-94 was not constituted.

The Committee for the year 1994-95 held only one meeting and considered the matter regarding decreasing the strength of membership of the Committees. It did not present any Report.

The Committees for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 were not constituted.

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## 23. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The following matters were referred to the Committee of Privileges :—

**1995-96**

A question of breach of privilege raised by Dr. (Mrs.) Malti Thapar, M. L. A. against Shri Kirpa Shankar Saroj, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Faridkot, regarding alleged derogatory and disrespectful behaviour of the A. D. C. (Dev.) and infringement of her right to vote in the election of the President of Municipal Council, Moga, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 4th May, 1995.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 26th September, 1995. In view of the clarification given by the Department of Local Government, Punjab and the unqualified apology tendered by the A. D. C. (Dev.), Faridkot, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop this issue.

**1996-97**

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by Shri Surinder Kapoor, M. L. A. against D. S. P. Sher Singh and Inspector Teja Singh posted at Sadar Thana (CIA), Bathinda for manhandling him and misbehaving with him at the behest of S. S. P. Bathinda when he visited Police Station, Bathinda on 25th May, 1996 in connection with the picking up of his son from his shop was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 11th June, 1996. The Committee heard Shri Surinder Kapoor, M.L.A. and orally examined S. S. P. Bathinda., D. S. P. Sher Singh, Inspector Teja Singh and Constable Ranjit Singh in connection with the above question of privilege but the Committee could not submit its report to the Hon'ble Speaker, firstly due to non-extension of time and secondly on the dissolution of the Tenth Vidhan Sabha on 11th February, 1997.

2. Another question of privilege reagarding alleged discourtesy shown to Shri Jagdish Sawhney, M. L. A. by Shri Dhanwant Singh Gill, S. H. O., Dhariwal, when he went to meet him on 24th June, 1996 at the Police Station in connection with the dispute raised by the said Member on 25th June, 1996 was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 8th July, 1996.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 21st November, 1996. The Committee recommended to drop the matter in view of the clarification given by Shri Dhanwant Singh Gill, S. H. O., Dhariwal and the refusal by him to meet Shri Jagdish Sawhney, M. L. A., while he was resting in the adjoining room of his office, was not taken by the Committee in good taste.

3. In another question of privilege raised by Shri Surjan Singh Joga, M. L. A. against Shri Mandeep Singh Sandhu, I. A. S., Director, Panchayats and Rural Development, Punjab regarding alleged misbehaviour with him when he visited his office on 4th October, 1996 in connection with some problem of his constituency, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 7th October, 1996.

The Committee heard Shri Surjan Singh Joga, M. L. A. in connection with the above question of privilege but could not submit its Report to the Speaker, firstly due to non-extension of time and secondly on the dissolution of the Tenth Vidhan Sabha on 11th February, 1997.

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## 24. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

The Committee for the year 1992-93 was nominated on the 10th April, 1992. It held 57 meetings and scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. in respect of 622 Assurances of the 26th Report, 113 Assurances of Budget Session, 1982, 78 Assurances of Autumn Session, 1982, 378 Assurances of Budget Session 1983, 59 Assurances of Supplementary Statements No. 1 to 11. The Committee dropped 1,100 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others, it asked for further information. The Committee also approved 866 Assurances pertaining to Autumn Session, 1985, Budget Session, 1986, Summer Session, 1986, Winter Session, 1986 and Budget Session, 1987. The Committee scrutinised the Replies/Interim Replies in respect of Draft Assurances mentioned above.

The Committee also approved 250 Assurances pertaining to Budget Session, 1992, 26 Assurances of Monsoon Session, 1992, 15 Assurances of Winter Session 1992 and sent to the Government/Departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee, during its tenure, visited the State of Uttar Pradesh. The Committee also visited Ranjit Sagar Dam (Thein Dam), Shahpur Kandi, District Gurdaspur and Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar for on-the-spot study of Their Dam and Municipal Corporation Transport Buses respectively.

In order to simplfy the procedure of implementation of the Assurances given on the Floor of the House by the Minister, the Committee had taken the following decisions :—

(1) The Committee, with the approval of the Hon'ble Speaker, amended the Rules, 4, 7 and 8 of the Internal Working Rules of the Committee on Government Assurances and Notification to that effect was published *vide* Notification No. 38-GAC/86-87, dated 26th May, 1992.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Department of Irrigation & Power and Local Government.

In order to clear the back-log the Committee decided to appoint an Implementation Sub-Committee.

The Committee presented its 27th Report in the House on 19th March, 1993.

The Committee for the year 1993-94 was nominated on the 12th April, 1993. It held 49 meetings and scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. in respect of 59 Assurances of 26th Report, 1 Assurance of Autumn Session 1982, 11 Assurances of Budget Session, 1983, 4 Assurances of Autumn Session, 1983, 55 Assurances of Autumn Session, 1985, 303 Assurances of Budget Session, 1986, 45 Assurances of Winter Session, 1986, 128 Assurances of Budget Session, 1987, 250 Assurances of Budget Session, 1992, 26 Assurances of Autumn Session, 1992 and 1 Assurance of Monsoon Session, 1992. The Committee dropped 607 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others, it asked for further information.

The Committee also scrutinised 491 Draft Assurances of Budget Session, 1993, 16 Assurances of Winter Session, 1993, 5 Assurances of Autumn Session,

1993, 14 Assurances of Budget session, 1992 and 12 Assurances culled out from the Starred Questions (converted into Unstarred Questions) and approved the 95 Draft Assurances of Budget Session 1993, 4 Assurances of Winter Session, 1993, 11 Assurances of Winter Session 1992.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Departments of Transport, Revenue, Home & Justice, Science and Technology & Environment.

The Committee visited the States of Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and West Bengal.

The Committee presented its 28th Report in the House on 31st March, 1994.

The Committee for the year 1994-95 was nominated on the 27th May, 1994. It held 33 meetings and scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. in respect of 69 Assurances of 26th Report, 134 Assurances of 27th Report, 79 Assurances of 28th Report, 15 Assurances of Winter Session 1992, 90 Assurances of Budget Session 1993, 2 Assurances of Monsoon Session 1993, 4 Assurances of Winter Session 1993, 9 Assurances of Supplementry Statement No. 11 (Budget Session 1992), 11 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 13 (Winter Session 1992), 4 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 14 (Budget Session 1993), 1 Assurance of Supplementary Statement No. 15 (Winter Session 1992) and 1 Assurance of Supplemetnary Statement No. 16 (Budget Session 1993). The Committee dropped 337 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others it asked for further information.

The Committee also approved 187 Assurances of Budget Session 1994, 44 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 17 and 7 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 18.

The Committee orally examined the Departmental representatives of Education, Sports, Irrigation, Housing and Urban Development, P.W.D. (B & R) and Local Government Departments.

The Committee visited Amritsar for "on-the-spot-study" of the project for the beautification of Darbar Sahib Complex.

The Committee presented its 29th Report to the House on the 29th March, 1995.

The Committee for the year 1995-96 was nominated on the 26th April, 1995. It held 40 meetings and scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. in respect of 5 Assurances contained in the 27th Report, 92 Assurances contained in the 28th Report, 189 Assurances of Budget Session, 1994, 25 Assurances of Monsoon Session, 1994, 44 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 17 (Budget Session 1994), 4 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 18 (Budget Session 1994) and 3 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 19 (Budget Session 1994). The Committee dropped 137 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others it asked for further information.

The Committee also approved 306 Assurances of Budget Session 1995, 69 Assurances of Monsoon Session, 1995, 3 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 (Budget Session 1994), 1 Assurance of Supplementary Statement No. 2 (Monsoon Session 1994) and 4 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 3 (Budget Session 1995).

The Committee visited the Ranjit Sagar Dam (Thein Dam), Shahpur Kandi for "on-the spot study".

The Committee presented its 30th Report to the House on the 22nd March, 1996.

The Committee for the year 1996-97 was nominated on the 3rd June, 1996. It held 30 meetings and scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. in respect of 110 Assurances contained in the 28th Report, 66 Assurances contained in the 29th Report, 26 Assurances contained in the 30th Report and 136 Assurances of Budget Session 1995. The Committee dropped/noted ·127 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of others it asked for further information.

The Committee also approved 252 Assurances relating to Budget Session 1996, 49 Assurances relating to Monoson Session 1996, 2 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 4 (Monsoon Session 1995) and 2 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 5 (Budget Session 1996).

The Committee orally examined the Departmental representatives of Excise & Taxation, Home, Irrigation and Health & Family Welfare Departments.

The Committee visited Ranjit Sagar Dam (Thein Dam), Shahpur Kandi for "on-the-spot-study".

Elections for the 11th Punjab Vidhan Sabha were announced by the Election Commission of India *vide* Notification dated 13th January, 1997. The Committee could not prepare/present its Report.

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## 25. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Rules scrutinised by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below, yearwise :—

1. **1992-93 :**

(i) The Punjab Package Deal Properties (Disposal) Rules, 1976, framed under the Punjab Package Deal Properties (Disposal) Act, 1976 ;

(ii) The Naya Nangal Notified Area Committee Management of Shivalik College, Naya Nangal Bye-Laws, 1985, framed under the Municipal Act, 1911.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla also.

The Committee presented its twenty-third Report to the House on the 12th March, 1993.

2. **1993-94 :**

(i) The Punjab Petition Writers (Revenue) Rules, 1982, framed under the Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887 ;

(ii) The Punjab General Sales Tax Rules, 1949 framed under the Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948 ;

(iii) The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Rules, 1939 framed under the Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Act, 1939.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its twenty-fourth Report to the House on the 15th March, 1994.

3. **1994-95 :**

(i) The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1963 framed under the Punjab Co-operative Societies Act, 1961 ;

(ii) The Punjab Town Improvement (Utilisation of Land and Allotment of Plots) Rules, 1983 framed under the Punjab Town Improvement Act, 1922.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its twenty-fifth Report to the House on the 22nd March, 1995.

4. **1995-96 :**

(i) The Punjab Reservation for the offices of Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads Rules, 1994 framed under the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 ;

(ii) The Punjab Panchayat Election Rules, 1994, framed under the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla also.

The Committee presented its twenty-sixth Report to the House on 21st March, 1996 (Morning Sitting).

5. **1996-97 :**

The following two rules were scrutinised by the Committee as per wishes of its predecessor Committee :—

(i) The Punjab Reservation for the offices of Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads Rules, 1994, framed under the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 ;

(ii) The Punjab Panchayat Election Rules, 1994, framed under the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994 ;

and

*(iii) The Consumer Protection (Punjab) Rules, 1987, framed under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Karnataka State Legislature visited Chandigarh and exchanged views with the Punjab Committee on matters of mutual interest.

No report could, however, be presented for the said year due to dissolution of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

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*Note.*—*A part of the Rules was scrutinised.

## 26. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

I. The Committee for the year 1992-93 considered matters regarding provision of amenities/facilities to MLAs and Ex-MLAs on the points mentioned below:—

**Sitting Members :**

1. Suggestion regarding increase in Compensatory Allowance and Constituency, Secretarial and Postal Allowance.

2. Suggestion regarding increase in Travelling Allowance by road.

3. Suggestion regarding increase in the reimbursement of Telephone charges.

4. Suggestion regarding increase in the Halting Allowance.

5. Suggestion regarding re-imbursement of an expenditure on production of relevant tickets, not exceeding Rs. 40,000 in a financial year, incurred by him on the cost of travelling by him, his spouse and dependent children accompanying either of them or an attendant accompanying him to look after and assist him by any Railways in India or by Air and or where a Member travels by his own motor car, the cost of petrol or diesel purchased by him for the propulsion on production of cash receipt from a licensed dealer indicating the name of the Member, quantity of petrol or diesel alongwith the registration number of the car.

6. Suggestion regarding increase in the grant of repayable advance for the purchase of Motor-Car/Built up house, for construction of house from Rs. 85,000 to Rs. 1.50 lacs and from Rs. 2.00 lacs to 2.50 lacs respectively.

7. Suggestion regarding increase in the *Ex-gratia* Grant from Rs. 1 lac to Rs. 3 lacs in case of death of a member.

8. Suggestion that fixed Medical Allowance to every Member be paid at the rate of Rs. 200 P. M. and reimbursement in full, of the expenditure incurred by him in case a Member, his spouse and or his dependent children take treatment as indoor patients in any Government Hospital. The cost of denture and spectacles, hearing aid may be reimburseable as in the case of Class-1 Officers of the State Government.

**Ex-Members :**

1. (i) Suggestion regarding raising of minimum Pension of Rs. 500 P.M. to Rs. 1000 P.M., provided where a person has served as a Member for a period exceeding five years, there shall be paid to him an additional Pension of Rs. 100 per month every year in excess of five years.

(ii) In the event of death of a member or Ex-Member his widow shall be entitled to draw a family pension till she is alive or the minor dependent children till they become major at the rate of 50% of what the Member would have been entitled to and what the Ex-Member was drawing at the time of death.

2. Suggestion regarding grant of free travelling facilities to Ex-Members in the buses of Punjab Roadways/P. R. T. C. free of cost or free of Passenger Tax.

3. Suggestion regarding payment of a fixed medical allowance of Rs. 200 P.M. and reimbursement in full the expenses incurred by an Ex-Member in case he, his spouse and /or his dependent children take treatment as indoor patients in any Government Hospital. The cost of Denture, Spectacles and hearing aid may be reimbursable as in the case of Class 1 Officers of the State Government.

II. The General Purposes Committee for the year 1993-94 was not nominated.

III. The Committee for the year 1994-95 considered matters regarding provision of amenities/facilities to M. L. As and Ex-M. L. As on the points mentioned below:—

**Sitting Members :**

1. Suggestion regarding increase in the Compensatory Allowance from Rs. 1,000 P. M. to Rs. 1,500 P. M.

2. Suggestion regarding increase in Constituency, Secretarial and Postal Facilities Allowance from Rs. 2,000 P. M. to Rs. 3,000 P. M.

3. Suggestion regarding reimbursement of Telephone Charges not exceeding Rs. 30,000 per annum instead of Rs. 1,500 per month.

4. Suggestion regarding increase in Halting Allowance from Rs. 150 per day to Rs. 200 per day.

5. Suggestion regarding increase in reimbursement of expenses on account of cost of Petrol/Diesel/Travel by Rail/Air not exceeding Rs. 50,000 per annum.

6. (i) Suggestion regarding increase in House Bduiilng Advance from Rs. 2.50 Lacs to Rs. 5.00 Lacs.

(ii) Suggestion regarding increase in the amount of advance for the purchase of a Motor Car to a Member upto Rs. 2.50 Lacs

7. Suggestion regarding recovery of House Building Advance/Motor Car Advance alongwith interest from the Member in equal monthly instalments within a period of fifteen years instead of ten years.

8. (i) Suggestion regarding charging of rent at the same rate from the Ex.-Members for stay at Circuit/Rest House, Punjab Bhawan, Chandigarh/ Delhi as in the case of Ex.-Ministers.

(ii) Suggestion regarding free travelling facilities to Ex.-M. L. A.s./ M. L. C.'s with spouse or attendant in any public service vehicle of the Punjab Roadways/Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

9. Suggestion regarding provision of T. V. Sets in each Room of M.L.A.'s Hostel at Chandigarh, Punjab Bhawan, Chandigarh/Delhi and Circuit Houses/Rest Houses in the State.

10. Suggestion regarding payment of fixed Medical Allowance to M.L. A.s/Ex-M.L.As for their treatment and their dependent family members as out-door patients.

IV. The General Purposes Committee for the year 1995-96 was not nominated.

V. The General Purposes Committee for the year 1996-97 was also not nominated.

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## 27. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee is nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker. It consists of nine Members one of whom is appointed as Chairman of the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The total number of sittings held, yearwise is given below:—

| 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 10 |

The Committee recommended the purchase of books costing about Rs. 89,833 in 1992-93, Rs. 1,02,889 in 1993-94, Rs. 89,208 in 1994-95, Rs. 12,869 in 1995-96, Rs. 16,050 in 1996-97. Besides, the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals and magazines etc. The Committee also suggested various measures effecting improvements in the working of the Library.

During the year 1992-93 the Committee held meetings at Shimla to study the working of the Library of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha. In the year 1993-94 the Committee held meetings at Bombay and Goa to study the working of Libraries of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and Goa Legislative Assembly respectively. The Committee also held meetings at New Delhi in the year 1992-93 and 1993-94. In the year 1996-97, the Committee visited New Delhi to see the working of Parliament Library.

## 28. HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period, the Committee considered various matters regarding comfort and convenience of Hon. Members staying in MLAs' Hostels and MLAs' Flats at Chandigarh, provision of some Sentry boxes in front of MLAs' Flats, creation of separate Head of Account under Major Head 2216 Housing for the repair of furniture items in MLAs' Hostels, Flats and Vidhan Bhavan, operation and maintenance of sound System in Vidhan Sabha, providing of Centrally Air Condition System in MLAs' Hostels, Sectors 4 and 3 (top floor), raising the strength of staff in the canteen of MLAs' Hostel, strengthening of security at MLAs' Flats and Hostels, construction of porches at the Speaker's Gate and Member's Gate, modernisation of Kitchen and bathrooms in MLAs' Flats, construction of new building for the Dispensary for the MLAs' and construction of a Cafetaria for Visitors, dormitories for Gunmen and Scooter/Cycle-stand for the MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4, attending complaints of Hon. Members by the staff at the Maintenance Booth, U. T. promptly, construction of rear boundary wall in MLAs' Flats, failure of electricity in MLAs' Hostels and Flats, creation of a post of Radio-grapher for running the X-Ray plant in the MLAs' Hostel Dispensary, budget for medicines for the MLAs' Hostel Dispensary, providing of STD facility in the MLAs' Hostel, construction of new MLAs' Flats for the Members, regularisation of vacation of MLAs' Flats by Ex.-Members, providing new Furniture/furnishing items in the Dining Hall of Hon'ble Members, providing of one Air Conditioner in the Electronic Telephone Exchange at MLAs' Hostel, accummulation of rain water on the road in front of MLAs' Flat Nos. 41 to 47 in Sector 4, fixing of coloured tiles in two water tanks at the backside of MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4, providing of small TV sets in each room of MLAs' Hostel, brick-lining of Scooter /Cycle Stand in MLAs' Hostel, construction of barracks at MLAs' Hostel complex, Sectors 4 and 3, Chandigarh, development of a park at the backside of Vidhan Bhavan, enhancement of rates of meals in the Canteen of MLAs' Hostel, enhancement of rates in room rent in MLAs' Hostel, provision of air conditioners in Dental Dispensary, Civil Dispensary and in laboratory, providing wall to wall carpet, Sofa Sets and Central tables of Teakwood in the lobbies of Punjab Vidhan Sabha. It paid special attention to the cleanliness of MLAs' Hostels/Flats and MLAs' Hostel Canteen by getting these white washed/ distempered etc. at frequent intervals.

Mowing of lawns and trimming of grass were regularly got done in the areas falling in the MLAs' Hostels and MLAs' Flats. Ornamental flower plants were got planted in the lawns of MLAs' Hostel. Obsolete and unserviceable items of furniture and other articles etc. provided in the Flats/ Hostels, and in Ministers, rooms in Vidhan Bhavan, were replaced/repaired by the Punjab PWD authorities. Desert coolers and fans were got provided in the MLAs' Flats. The Kitchen of Canteen of MLA's Hostel was got modernised and provided with kitchen equipment. The security at the MLAs' Hostels and Flats were strengthened by having got constructed boundary wall and IRC welded mesh fencing around these buildings. The exhaust fans in the bathrooms in the rooms of MLAs' Hostels and in the kitchen of MLAs' Flats were got installed. The old wiring and the plugs etc. were got replaced in the rooms of the MLAs' Hostels and in many Flats. The new norms for the provision of items of furniture and other articles etc. in the MLAs' Flats and Hostels were approved by the House Committee. Six water filters were got installed to water coolers in the MLAs' Hostels and Chairs were got provided in the Canteen of MLAs' Hostel, Committee Rooms in

Punjab Vidhan Sabha were got converted into Cabins for Ministers and got furnished with furniture and other articles.

Temporary toilets and bathrooms were got constructed in the premises of MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4 for the security personnel of Hon. Members, Conference Systems were got installed in three Committee Rooms in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan. The rear verandah of MLAs' Hostel Dispensary, Sector 4 was got glazed for providing more space for the dispensary. An Auto-analyzer, one Multi Channel ECG Machine and one X-RAY Plant for the Dispensary and one new Dental Chair for the Dental Dispensary were got installed. A parking near the Speaker's Gate at Vidhan Bhavan was got constructed. Fly Control System, computerised billing Machine and Trolley system for taking the meals to the rooms of the Members were got introduced in the Canteen of MLAs' Hostel.The use of refined oil was also got introduced in the canteen in place of Vanaspati Ghee. One Halwai was got posted in the Canteen of Punjab Vidhan Bhavan to prepare eatables for the Hon. Members and staff.

During this period, the Committee visited Dalhousie and Chamba in Himachal Pradesh.

The No. of meetings of the House Committee held are given below year-wise :—

| Year | | No. of Meetings |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | .. | 9 |
| 1993-94 | .. | 13 |
| 1994-95 | .. | 8 |
| 1995-96 | .. | 7 |
| 1996-97 | .. | 1 |

The strength of House Committee is given below :—

| Years | No. of Members |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members |
| 1993-94 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members |
| 1994-95 | Deputy Speaker and 7 other Members |
| 1995-96 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members |
| 1996-97 | Deputy Speaker and 8 other Members |

## 29. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(i) The Committee for the year 1992-93 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee met its counterpart of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and discussed with them matters of mutual interest.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited Shimla, Delhi and Dalhousie.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1993-94 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee considered a representation received from Smt. Kanwaljit Kaur wife of Sardar Harkirat Singh of Mohali and sent it to the concerned department for taking appropriate action on it.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited Shimla and Delhi.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1994-95 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee considered various representations received from Sarvshri Hans Raj, Harbans Singh and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee did not hold any meeting out of Chandigarh.

(iv) The Committee for the year 1995-96 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee considered a representation received from the Mohali Cooperative House Building Society, Mohali and sent it to the concerned department for taking appropriate action.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee did not hold any meeting out of Chandigarh.

(v) The Committee for the year 1996-97 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee considered various representations received from different quarters and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee met its counterpart of Bihar Legislative Assembly and discussed with them matters of mutual interest.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited Delhi only.

## 30. COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

(i) 1992-93

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 1992-93 decided to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the Services and posts of the Irrigation Deparment, Health and Family Welfare Department and the Punjab State Electricity Board. The Committee scrutinized the material furnished by the Irrigation and Health & Family Welfare Departments.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of action taken by the Government on the recommendations /observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented the following Reports to the House.

(i) 13th Report in respect of action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its 4th Report on the 22nd December, 1992.

(ii) 14th Report in respect of representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Irrigation Department on the 17th March, 1993.

(iii) 15th Report in respect of representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of Health and Family Welfare Department on 17th March, 1993.

The Committee appointed its Sub Committee consisting of following Members.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Chaudhary Santokh Singh | .. Chairman |
| (2) | Sardar Hamir Singh Ghagga | .. Member |
| (3) | Shri Krishan Kumar Kaushal | .. Member |
| (4) | Sardar Shamsher Singh Rai | ... Member |

The Committee held 44 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings from 4th June, 1992 to 7th June, 1992 at Shimla and 27th July, 1992 to 30th July, 1992 at New Delhi.

(ii) 1993-94

The Committee for the year 1993-94 selected the following Departments/Public Undertakings to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts :—

(i) Rural Development and Panchayat Department.

(ii) Excise and Taxation Department.

(iii) Industries Departmert

(iv) Education Department (D.P.I. Schools only)

(v) Punjab State Electricity Board.

(vi) Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board.

The Committee scurtinized the statements/replies giving the details of, the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 16th Report to the House on 29th March, 94, in respect of Welfare Schemes run by the Welfare Department for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.

The Committee also presented its 17th Report to the House on 29th March, 1994 in respect of representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Rural Development and Panchayat Department.

The Committee held 52 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 27th and 28th June, 1993, 13th, 14th and 15th December, 1993 and 3rd, 4th and 5th February, 1994 at New Delhi, on 27th November, 1993 at Nangal and 28th November, 1993 at Ropar.

(iii) 1994-95

The Committee for the year 1994-95 selected the following Departments/ Public Undertakings to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts :—

(1) Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department.

(2) Public Works Department (Public Health).

(3) Animal Husbandry Department.

(4) Industries Department.

(5) Labour and Employment Department.

(6) Finance Department (Local Fund Accounts)

(7) Punjab Public Service Commission.

(8) Cooperation Department.

(9) The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

(10) The Punjab Financial Corporation.

(11) The Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board.

(12) The Punjab State Electicity Board.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 18th Report to the House on 29th March, 1995 in respect of action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 5th Report of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 19th Report to the House on 31st March, 1995 in respect of representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of the Public Works Department (Public Health) and Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board.

The Committee held 42 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 5th, 6th and 7th July, 1994 and 23rd 24th and 25th November, 1994 at New Delhi.

**(iv) 1995-96**

The Committee for the year 1995-96 selected the following Departments/ Public Undertakings to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts :—

(1) Jail Department.

(2) Social Security and Welfare of Women and Children Department.

(3) Health and Family Welfare Department. (Ayurvedic)

(4) Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

(5) The Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 20th Report to the House on 22nd March, 1996 in respect of representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the Jail Department and Health & Family Welfare Department (Ayurvedic)

The Committee held 37 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 9th, 10th and 11th July, 1995 at Shimla, 9th, 10th and 11th August, 1995, 17th and 18th October, 1995 and 9th and 10th November, 1995 at New Delhi and 6th and 7th December, 1995 at Nangal.

**(v) 1996-97**

The Committee for the year 1996-97 selected the following Departments/ Public Undertakings to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts :—

1. Industries Department.

2. Advocate General.

3. Health and Family Welfare Department (Research and Medical Education).

4. Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

5. Sugarfed.

6. Warehousing Corporation.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee could not present its Report to the House for want of time.

The Committee held 18 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 3rd and 4th October, 1996, 8th and 9th January, 1997 at New Delhi and 29th and 30th October, 1996 at Shimla.

## 31. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE

The work done by the Committee during the period under review is mentioned below, year-wise :—

**1. 1992-93**

The Committee considered the dealy in laying of the Annual Reports of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :—

1. The Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation ;
2. Goindwal Industrial and Investment Corporation ;
3. Punjab State Forest Development Corporation ; and
4. Punjab State Handloom and Textiles Development Corporation Ltd. .

The Committee held 7 meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its Fifth Report to the House on 16th March, 1993.

**2. 1993-94**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of the Annual Reports/ Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

1. Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab Women and Children Development and Welfare Corporation
3. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.
4. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.
5. Punjab School Education Board.
6. Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation.
7. Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

The Committee presented its Sixth Report to the House on the 25th March, 1994.

**3. 1994-95**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of the Annual Reports/ Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

1. Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
2. Punjab State Hosiery & Knitwear Corporation.

The Committee held its one meeting at New Delhi.

The Committee presented its Seventh Report to the House on 22nd March, 1995.

4. 1995-96

The Committee considered the delay in laying of the Annual Reports/ Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

1. Punjab School Education Board ;
2. Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation ;
3. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd ;
4. Punjab State Leather Development Corporation Ltd ; and
5. Punjab Housing Development Board.

The Committee held its 4 meetings at New Delhi and Shimla also.

The Committee presented its Eighth Report to the House on 22nd March, 1996.

5. 1996-97

The Committee considered the delay in laying of the Annual Reports/ Accounts of various Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House.

The Committee held its 6 meetings at New Delhi also.

No Report could, however, be presented for the said year due to dissolution of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

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## 32 RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave Rulings on or made Observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 33. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various Points of Order, reference may be made to Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 34. APPENDIX I

(For reference, please see 'Legislation" at page 4 ante)

List of Bills which were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

**Budget (First) Session, 1992**

1. The Appropriation Bill, 1992.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1992.
3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1992.
4. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1992.

**Monsoon (Second) Session, 1992**

1. The Punjab Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Second Amendment Bill, 1992.
2. The Punjab State Legislature Officers, Ministers and Members Salaries, Allowances and Facilities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1992.

**Winter (Third) Session, 1992**

1. The Lepers (Punjab Repeal) Bill, 1992.
2. The Punjab Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Third Amendment Bill, 1992.
3. The Punjab Municipal (Second Amendment) Bill, 1992.
4. The Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training Bill, 1992.
5. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Second Amendment) Bill, 1992.
6. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1992.
7. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1992.
8. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1992.
9. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1992.
10. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1992.
11. The Punjab Motor Transport Vehicles (Toll) Bill, 1992.
12. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1992.

**Budget (Fourth) Session 1993**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1993.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1993.

3. The Punjab Homeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

4. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

5. The Punjab Land Ceiling Laws (Validation of Exercise of Powers) Bill, 1993.

6. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

7. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

8. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

9. The Punjab Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1993.

10. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

11. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

12 The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

13 The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

**Monsoon (Fifth) Session, 1993**

1. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

2. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1993.

3. The Punjab Panchayat Samities and Zila Parishads (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Bill, 1993.

4. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1993.

5. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

**Winter (Sixth) Session, 1993**

1. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1993.

2. The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Amendment Bill, 1993.

3. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

4. The Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

5. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

6. The Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 93.19

**Budget (Seventh ) Session, 1994**

1. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1994.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1994.
3. The Punjab Minerals (Vesting of Rights) Bill, 1994.
4. The Punjab Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
5. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
6. The Punjab Commercial Crops Cess (Repeal) Bill, 1994.
7. The Indian Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
8. The Punjab Panchayati Raj Bill, 1994.
9. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
10. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
11. The Punjab Finance Commission for Panchayats and Municipalities Bill, 1994.
12. The Punjab Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques (Cortrol and Regulation) Bill, 1994.
13. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1994.

**Monsoon (Eigth) Session, 1994**

1. The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Amendment Bill, 1994.
2. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1994.
3. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Second Amendment) Bill, 1994.
4. The Punjab State Election Commission Bill, 1994.
5. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1994.

**Budget (Ninth) Session, 1995**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1995.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1995.
3. The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1995.
4. The Punjab Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories (Repeal) Bill, 1995.
5. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

6. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

7. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 1995.

8. The Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Bill, 1995.

9. The Punjab Apartment Ownership Bill, 1995.

10. The Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Bill, 1995.

11. The Punjab Rent Bill, 1995.

12. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

13. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

14. The Punjab Lokpal Bill, 1995.

**Monsoon (Tenth) Session, 1995**

1. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1995.

2. The Punjab Courts (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

3. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1995.

4. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1995.

5. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1995.

6. The Punjab Town Improvement (Second Amendment) Bill, 1995.

7. The Punjab State Legislature Officers, Ministers and Members Salaries, Allowances and Facilities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

**Budget (Eleventh) Session, 1996**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1996.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1996.

3. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

4. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

5. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

6. The Punjab Health Systems Corporation Bill, 1996.

7. The Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Develpment (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

**Monsoon (Twelfth) Session, 1996**

1. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

**Winter (Thirteenth) Session, 1996**

1. The Punjab Technical University Bill, 1996.
2. The Punjab Lokpal (Repeal) Bill, 1996.
3. The Punjab Lokpal Bill, 1996.

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## APPENDIX-II

(For Reference please see "Resolutions" Non-Official at page 8 ante)

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Ban on Sex determination tests | "This House recommends to the Government to take immediate steps to ban sex determination tests on pregnant women as it leads to large scale destruction of female foetus resulting in cruelty to and discrimination against women." | 26th March, 1992 | Carried unanimously. |
| 2 | Declaration of International Women's Day a Public Holiday | "This House recommends to the State Government to take steps to celebrate International Women's Day on the 8th March every year to highlight the importance of women in society and this auspicious day be declared a public holiday." | 2nd April, 1992 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |
| 3 | Formulation of New Schemes for Welfare | "This House recommends to the Government to take further steps and make new schemes for the Welfare of the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and other Weaker Sections of the Society." | 9th April, 1992 | Carried unanimously. |
| 4 | Raising memorials of the great personalities | "This House recommends to the State Government to raise memorials at the native places of such great personalities who laid down their lives for unity and integrity of the country, maintenance of communal harmony and for the restoration of everlasting peace in the State." | 25th February, 1993 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |

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| 5 | Setting up Heavy Industry in the State. | "This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Central Government for setting up more Heavy Industry in the State" | 4th March, 1993 | Carried unanimously. |
| 6 | Formulation of New Schemes for Welfare of Women | "This House recommends to the State Government to streamline the present schemes and formulate new schemes for the welfare of women, particiularly divorced/ separated and deserted children" | 11th March, 1993 | Carried unanimously. |
| 7 | Bringing of more agricultural land under Irrigation | "This House recommends to the State Government to take further steps to bring more agricultural land under irrigation system in the State" | 18th March, 1993 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |
| 8 | Master Plan to tackle the floods in the State | "This House recommends to the State Government to take steps to prepare and execute a Master Plan to tackle the menace of floods in the State". | 7th March, 1994 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |
| 9 | Checking of Air and Water pollution in the State | "This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to check and control air and water pollution in the big industrial cities in the State". | 24th March, 1994 | Carried unanimously. |
| 10 | Getting illegal possession of Shamlat land of Gram Panchayats in the State vacated | "This House recommends to the State Government to take necessary steps to get the illegal possession of shamlat lands of Gram Panchayats in the State vacated and use the same for the welfare and upliftment of the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and other weaker sections of society." | 31st March, 1994 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |

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| 11 | Relief to Terrorist affected families | "This House recommends to the State Government to review its schemes for grant of relief to the terrorist affected families in the State". | 2nd March, 1995 | Carried unanimously |
| 12 | Providing more teachers to single teacher schools | "This House recommends to the State Government to prepare a plan to ensure that there is no single teacher primary school in Punjab by the end of 1995 and that every primary school has one teacher for every class." | 9th March, 1995 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |
| 13 | Raising of Standard of Primary Education | "This House recommends to the State Government to take steps to raise the standard of Primary Education and to achieve the goal of 100% literacy in the State." | 15th March, 1995 | Carried. |
| 14 | Minimising unemployment amongst educated youth. | "This House recommends to the State Government to take steps and formulate new schemes to minimise the unemployment amongst the educated youth in the State". | 30th March, 1995 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |
| 15 | Setting up a State Level Human Rights Commission | "This House recommends to the State Government to set up a State Level Human Rights Commission". | 29th February, 1996 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjounred. The House was prorogued later on. |
| 16 | Setting up of Family Courts | "This House recommends to the State Government to set up as soon as possible, at least one family court in each district so that matrimonial disputes can be settled expeditiously." | 14th March, 1996 | Resolution was under discussion when the House adjourned. The House was prorogued later on. |

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| 5. | Enactment of Legislation for Control over private unrecognised Educational Institutions | "This House recommends to the State Government to take steps to enact legislation to have some effective control over private unrecognised educational institutions, so as to safeguard the interests of education and future of students. Before the enactment of legislation, recommendations of the Committee headed by Education Secretary be also taken into consideration." | 19th September 1996 | Carried unanimously. |

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# PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

REVIEW

OF

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ELEVENTH

PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

**During The Years 1997—2002**

**(3-3-1997 to 25-2-2002)**



**Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Chandigarh,**
**November, 2002**

# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Eleventh Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 3rd March, 1997 to 25th February, 2002. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication, reviewing the work done by the Eleventh Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

Chandigarh : Nachhattar Singh Mavi,

The 26th November, 2002 Secretary.

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## 1. THE ASSEMBLY : ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The Eleventh Vidhan Sabha consisted of 117 Members selected from 117 Constituencies. It met for the first time on 3rd March, 1997.

During the period under review i.e. from 3rd March, 1997 to 25th February, 2002 four seats were rendered vacant due to the passing away of S. Arjan Singh Josh, S. Sarup Singh, Shri Bhagwan Dass Arora and Sardar Parkash Singh Majitha representing the Sham Chaurasi, Adampur, Sunam and Majitha Constituencies respectively and Smt. Mohinder Kaur, S. Kanwaljeet Singh Lalli, S. Parminder Singh and Sardar Raj Mohinder Singh Majitha were elected in the Bye-elections from the above Constituencies.

Under Article 180 (1) of the Constitution of India the Governor appointed S. Charnjit Singh Atwal, a Member of the Eleventh Vidhan Sabha to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker (Speaker protem) till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178—*vide* his order dated 25th February, 1997. Subsequently, Sardar Charnjit Singh Atwal was elected as Speaker on 4th March, 1997.

Ch. Swarna Ram, another Member of the Eleventh Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Deputy Speaker on 18th June, 1997.

Ch. Swarna Ram, Deputy Speaker, resigned the office of the Deputy Speaker on 26th July, 1997 (A.N.) on his being inducted as Minister of State and in his place Dr. Baldev Raj Chawla was elected as Deputy Speaker on 23rd December, 1997.

Dr. Baldev Raj Chawla, Deputy Speaker, resigned the office of the Deputy Speaker on 31st December, 1999 (F.N.) on his being inducted as Minister and in his place, Shri Sat Pal Gosain was elected as Deputy Speaker on 5th September, 2000 (F.N.).

On 28th April, 2000, Shri Ajaib Singh Mukhmailpura, M.L.A., filed petition under Article 191(2) read with clause (a) of sub para (1) of paragraph (2) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India that Shri Ravi Inder Singh, Member of Punjab Legislative Assembly, has voluntarily given up the membership of the Shiromani Akali Dal, the party which had set him up for election and on whose ticket and symbol he had

been elected and for declaring that the respondent has thereby incurred disqualification for being Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly because of defection under the provision of the Constitution of India and that he be declared to have ceased to be the Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

Another petition was also received on 28th April, 2000 from Shri Raghbir Singh, M.L.A. and others under Article 191 (2) read with clause (a) of sub para (1) of paragraph (2) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India that Sarvshri Manjit Singh Calcutta, Inderjit Singh Zira, Maheshinder Singh Grewal, Surjit Singh Kohli, Harmail Singh Tohra, Hira Singh Gabria, Jagtar Singh Rajla, Bikramjit Singh Khalsa, Gurdev Singh Sidhu and Smt. Daljit Kaur, all Members of Punjab Legislative Assembly, have voluntarily given up the membership of the Shiromani Akali Dal the party which had set them up for election and on whose ticket and symbol they had been elected and for declaring that the respondents have thereby incurred disqualification for being Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly because of defection under the provision of the Constitution of India and prayed that the respondents be declared to have ceased to be the Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

The then Hon'ble Speaker, S. Charnjit Singh Atwal had issued notices to the above referred respondents for filing their replies. The respondents filed their replies and the arguments and counter arguments were heard by the Hon'ble Speaker on various dates. Some additional documents were also submitted by both the parties and issues were framed. The cases were still on the arguments stage when the Eleventh Punjab Legislative Assembly was dissolved by H.E. the Governor of Punjab,—*vide* his Order dated 26th February, 2002 and the new Legislative Assembly was constituted by the Election Commission of India. The respondents were supposed to appear before the then Hon'ble Speaker for further hearing on 5th April, 2002. As all the respondents against whom the petitions were filed had lost the election and were no more Members of the Twelfth Legislative Assembly, none of them appeared before the Hon'ble Speaker on the fixed date. Hence the above petitions had become infructuous and disposed of accordingly—*vide* Hon'ble Speaker, Dr. Kewal Krishan's orders dated 10th May, 2002.

During the period under review, the Vidhan Sabha held in all 95 sittings spread over in thirteen Sessions, as follows :—

| Year | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | 3rd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1997 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 25 |
| 1998 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 19 |
| 1999 | 13 | 2 | — | 15 |
| 2000 | 16 | 4 | — | 20 |
| 2001-02 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| | | | Grand Total : | 95 |

These 95 sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed the Members of the Eleventh Vidhan Sabha during the period under review.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhawan, Chandigarh.

## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESSES

There were 5 Special Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha beginning with the First Session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 1997. Each of these Addresses was discussed on Motion of Thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below :—

| Year | Period of Discussion | No. of amendments moved |
|---|---|---|
| 1997 | 3 days | 6 |
| 1998 | 3 days | 1 |
| 1999 | 4 days | 1 |
| 2000 | 3 days | NIL |
| 2001 | 2 days | NIL |

The amendments moved by the Members of the Opposition were lost.

The Motions of Thanks were carried in the form in which these were moved.

## 3. LEGISLATION

**I. Official**

The Eleventh Vidhan Sabha passed 85 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows :—

| Year | No. of Bills |
|---|---|
| 1997 | 14 |
| 1998 | 21 |
| 1999 | 10 |
| 2000 | 22 |
| 2001-02 | 18 |
| Total | 85 |

The number of New Bills was 19, of Amending Bills 52 and of Appropriation Bills 14.

The New Bills and the Amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in the Appendix. For synopsis of these Bills, references may be made to the Resume of the concerned Sessions.

The Appropriation Bills dealt with the Apprropriation of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, the figures being Rs. 33,46,31,08,000 for the year 1996-97 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 39,15,42,21,000 (Vote-on-Account) for three months *viz.* April, May and June, 1997, Rs. 1,18,20,78,92,000 for 1997-98, Rs. 2671,58,17,000 for 1997-98 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 49,56,66,68,000 (Vote-on-Account) for three months i.e. April, May and June, 1998, Rs. 1,77,26,56,85,000 for 1998-99, Rs. 33,95,95,09,000 for 1998-99 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 1,92,18,61,38,000 for 1999-2000, Rs. 498,49,63,000 for 1999-2000 (Supplementary Estimates Instalment), Rs. 33,11,15,06,000 for 1999-2000 (Supplementary Estimates 2nd Instalment), Rs. 2,31,10,29,21,000 for 2000-2001, Rs. 1,72,86,88,175 for 1990-91, Rs. 1,60,01,63,932 for 1991-92, Rs. 4,86,55,95,923 for 1992-93, Rs. 1,47,47,53,625 for 1993-94, Rs. 3,06,03,44,630 for 1994-95 and Rs. 2,30,40,69,083 for 1995-96 and Rs. 8,18,28,30,000 for 2000-2001 (Supplementary Estimates) and Rs. 2,36,30,90,28,000 for 2001-2002.

The total number of amendments received in respect of the said Bills, except the Appropriation Bills, was 13(2 from the Treasury Benches and 11 from the Opposition Benches).

**II. Non-Official**

The following notices of Bills of Private Members were received but were disallowed by the Hon'ble Speaker on one ground or the other :—

1. The Hindu Succession (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1997.
2. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Amendment Bill, 1997.

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## 4. QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions :—

**Starred :**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Total number of Notices of Starred Questions received | .. | 3529 |
| (b) | Total number of Notices of Starred Questions admitted | .. | 2380 |
| (c) | Total number of Starred Questions answered orally | .. | 902 |
| (d) | Total number of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 | .. | 262 |
| (e) | Total number of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | .. | 368 |
| (f) | Total number of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the notice period etc. | .. | 629 |

**Unstarred :**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Total number of Notices of Unstarred Questions received | .. | 891 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| (b) | Total number of Notices of Unstarred Questions admitted | .. | 615 |
| (c) | Total number of Unstarred Questions answered | .. | 435 |
| (d) | Total number of Unstarred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the notice period etc. | .. | 180 |

**Short Notice :**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Total number of Short Notice Questions received | .. | 26 |
| (b) | Total number of Short Notice Questions admitted | .. | 12 |
| (c) | Total number of Short Notice Questions answered | .. | 3 |

The yearwise break up of Questions may be seen in the following Table.

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## 5. RESOLUTIONS

### I. Official

Sixteen Official Resolutions were discussed and carried during the period under review. The subject-matter of each and the date of discussion and its being carried are given below :—

| Sr. No. | Subject | | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| 1. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1997-98. | .. | 23-3-1997 |
| 2 | Resolution under Article 252 (1) of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976. | .. | 23-12-1997 |
| 3 | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1998-99. | .. | 27-3-1998 |
| 4 | Resolution under section 65(3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding enhancement of borrowing limit of Punjab State Electricity Board from Rs. 2000 crores to Rs. 3000 crores. | .. | 27-3-1998 |
| 5 | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1999-2000 | .. | 30-3-1999 |
| 6 | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2000-2001 | .. | 30-3-2000 |

| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Ratification of amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of Clause (d) of the proviso to Clause (2) of Article 368 thereof proposed to be made by the Constitution (Eighty Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1999 as passed by the House of Parliament. | .. | 4-4-2000 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 8 | Resolution under section 65(3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding enhancement of borrowing limit of Punjab State Electricity Board from Rs. 3000 crores to Rs. 4000 crores. | .. | 4-4-2000 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 9 | Resolution regarding Repeal of Public Debt Act, 1944 and the replacement by a new Act namely the Government Securities Act. | .. | 4-4-2000 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 10 | Resolution congratulating Mr. Ujjal Dosaanjh on his being elevated as Premier of British Columbia, a State of Canada. | .. | 16-3-2000 |
| 11 | Resolution congratulating the distinguished Punjabi Writer and literary S. Gurdial Singh and Shri Nirmal Verma for having been honoured with Gyanpeeth Awards (the highest National Award for literature by the Sahitya Academy) for their extraordinary contribution in the field of Punjabi and Hindi literature. | .. | 28-3-2000 |
| 12 | Resolution condemning the heinous crime committed by certain anti-social elements at Amritsar by throwing pork and burning of a religious book at a place of worship which hurt the religious sentiments of a minority community. | .. | 28-3-2001 |

| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | Resolution regarding condemnation of the utterance of the President of All India Congress Party made at Congress Session at Bangalore labeling Hon'ble Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India as a traitor having least regard to his age-long service to the Nation. | .. | 26-3-2001 |
| 14 | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2001-2002. | .. | 27-3-2001 |
| 15 | Resolution under section 65 (3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding enhancement of borrowing limit of Punjab State Electricity Board from Rs. 4000 crores to Rs. 5000 crores | .. | 27-3-2001 |
| 16 | Ratification of amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of Clauses (a) and (d) of the proviso to Clause (2) of Article 368 proposed to be amended by the Constitution (Ninety-first Amendment) Bill, 2000 as passed by the House of Parliament. | .. | 1-1-2002 |

**II-Non Official**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of Notices of Resolutions received | 309 |
| Total number of Notices of Resolutions admitted | 273 |
| Total number of Notices of Resolutions discussed | 17 |
| Total number of Resolutions carried/passed | 4 |
| Total number of Resolutions withdrawn | — |
| Total number of Resolutions lost | — |
| Total number of Resolutions on, which no decision was taken but lapsed | 190 |

**The year-wise receipt of Notices of Resolutions was as follows :—**

| Year | | Number of Resolutions received |
|---|---|---|
| 1997 | .. | 127 |
| 1998 | .. | 71 |
| 1999 | .. | 29 |
| 2000 | .. | 45 |
| 2001 | .. | 37 |

**The year-wise number of Resolutions discussed was as under :—**

| Year | | Number of Resolutions discussed |
|---|---|---|
| 1997 | .. | 6 |
| 1998 | .. | 3 |
| 1999 | .. | 2 |
| 2000 | .. | 4 |
| 2001 | .. | 2 |

The subject matter of each Resolution which was discussed as well as information about what happened to it is given in Appendix-II with appropriate remarks.

**III. Joint :**

(a) The following Joint Resolution given notice of by Raja Narinder Singh, M.L.A. and Shri Jagdish Sawhney, M.L.A. was moved by Shri Jagdish Sawhney, M.L.A. on 6th March, 1997 :—

"Whereas in the year 1699 a divine and unique event occurred in the history of the world when Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji spread a message of 'Oneness of the mankind' by creating "KHALSA" on the holy land of Sri Anandpur Sahib by administering the nectar for immortality, 'The Amrit' and whereas the 300th Anniversary of this great event falls in the year 1999.

Therefore, this House recommends to the Government of India to take steps to approach the U.N.O. to declare the year 1999 as

the 'Year of Human Spirit' and celebrate it in a collective manner inter-religiously to commemorate the 300th Anniversrary of this great event in order to spread the message of 'Oneness of man-kind' throughout the World."

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

(b) The following Joint Resolution given notice of by Sardar Manjit Singh Calcutta, M.L.A., Sardar Surjit Singh Kohli, M.L.A., Sardar Balwant Singh Amloh, M.L.A., Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal, M.L.A., Sardar Tota Singh, M.L.A., Shri Nand Lal, M.L.A., Sardar Hira Singh Gabria, M.L.A., Sardar Sadhu Singh Payal, M.L.A., Sardar Gurdeep Singh Bhullar, M.L.A., Prof. Jagir Singh Valtoha, M.L.A., Ch. Swarna Ram, M.L.A., Sardar Sarwan Singh Phillaur, M.L.A. and Ch. Mohan Lal, M.L.A., was moved by Sardar Manjit Singh Calcutta, M.L.A., on 20th March, 1997 :—

"This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government to waive the entire loan amounting to Rupees 8400 crores given to the State in recent years to combat militancy and face a proxy war from across the border which was a national problem since it is not possible for the State to repay the huge loan".

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

(c) The following Joint Resolution given notice of by Sardar Sukhwinder Singh Aulakh, M.L.A. and Shri Jagdish Sawhney, M.L.A., was moved by Sardar Sukhwinder Singh Aulakh, M.L.A. on 15th March, 2001 :—

"This House unanimously resolves to condemn the senseless killings of Punjabis especially the Sikhs in Delhi and other parts of the country in 1984 riots engineered by politically motivated people with the intention of deriving political mileage. While appreciating the appointment of Nanavati Commission, appointed by the Government to probe the 1984 killings, this House strongly recommends to the State Government to take immediate steps to approach the Central Government and the concerned State Government to bring those rioters, who have so far escaped the clutches of law to book and ensure the severest possible punishment to them so that the communal fabric of the country is maintained".

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

(d) The following Joint Resolution given notice of by Sardar Gurdeep Singh Bhullar, M.L.A. and Shri Mantar Singh Brar M.L.A. was moved by Sardar Gurdeep Singh Bhullar, M.L.A. on 22nd March, 2001 :—

"This House unanimously resolves to condemn the senseless act of Operation Blue Star undertaken at Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar in June, 1984 wherein the innocent devotees were martyred in the Holy precincts of Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar, the Holiest in the Holy and Religious places in the World and building of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib was devastated which had a long and crushing effect on the psyche of the humanity as a whole. This House strongly recommends to the State Government to convey the feelings of this House to the Central Govt.".

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

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## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Total number of notices of Adjourment Motions received during the period under review was 8 (3 in 1997; 1 in 1998 and 4 in 2000). All these motions were mentioned in the House and disallowed.

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## 7. CALL ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was drawn to as many as 425 matters relating to different subjects through Call Attention Notices unde Rule 66, Session-wise break-up of those Call Attention Notices is as under :—

| Sr. No. | Session | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Ist Session, 1997 .. | 37 |
| 2 | Budget (Second) Session, 1997 .. | 53 |
| 3 | Winter (3rd) Session, 1997 .. | 10 |
| 4 | Fourth Session, 1998 .. | 23 |
| 5 | Budget (5th) Session, 1998 .. | 61 |
| 6 | Winter (6th) Session, 1998 .. | 8 |

| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Budget (7th) Session, 1999 | .. | 60 |
| 8 | Eighth Session, 1999 | .. | 3 |
| 9 | Budget (9th) Session, 2000 | .. | 81 |
| 10 | Tenth Session, 2000 | .. | 19 |
| 11 | Budget (11th) Session, 2001 | .. | 50 |
| 12 | Twelfth Session, 2001 | .. | 20 |
| 13 | Thirteenth Session, 2001 | .. | Nil |
| | Total | .. | 425 |

*Note* :— For details, reference may be made to the Resume of concerned Session.

## 8. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all 15 Notices of Motion under Rule 77 (4 in 1997; 5 in 2000; and 6 in 2001) were received. Out of those only two were admitted as per details gives below :—

| Sr. No. | Subject | | Motion received on | Date on which discussed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | | 3 | |
| 1 | Setting up of a city in the name of Anandgarh. | .. | 15-3-2000 | 4-4-2000 |
| 2 | Day-by-day deterioration in the economic situation of Agriculture front in the State. | .. | 17-8-2000 | 6-9-2000 |

## 9. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of 22 notices seeking to raise Questions of Privilege in the House (8 in 1997; 4 in 1998; 2 in 1999 and 8 in 2000) were received. Out of those 22 Notices, 3 were disposed of in the House and in the case of remaining Notices, the Speaker did not give his consent to the Questions of Privilege being raised. None of the Questions of Privilege was referred to the Committee of Privileges during the period under review.

## 10. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :—

| Year | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | .. | 1,18,20,78,92,000 |
| 1998-99 | .. | 1,77,26,56,85,000 |
| 1999-2000 | .. | 1,92,18,61,38,000 |
| 2000-2001 | .. | 2,31,10,29,21,000 |
| 2001-2002 | .. | 2,36,30,90,28,000 |

### Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations

Excess demands over grants for the years given below and the demands for the amounts shown against each year were carried on the dates given in the table below :—

| Year | Amount | Presentation | Discussed and carried on |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1990-91 .. | Rs. 1,72,86,88,175 | 4-4-2000 (Morning Sitting) | 4-4-2000 |
| 1991-92 .. | Rs. 1,69,01,63,932 | 4-4-2000 (Morning Sitting) | 4-4-2000 |
| 1992-93 .. | Rs. 4,86,55,95,923 | 4-4-2000 (Morning Sitting) | 4-4-2000 |
| 1993-94 .. | Rs. 1,47,47,53,625 | 4-4-2000 (Morning Sitting) | 4-4-2000 |
| 1994-95 .. | Rs. 3,06,03,44,620 | 4-4-2000 (Morning Sitting) | 4-4-2000 |
| 1995-96 .. | Rs. 2,30,40,69,083 | 4-4-2000 (Morning Sitting) | 4-4-2000 |

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Six Supplementary Estimates were presented to and voted by the Vidhan Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :—

| Year | Amount | Date of presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bills passed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1996-97 | Rs. 3346,31,08,000 | 18-3-1997 | 18-3-1997 |
| 1997-98 | Rs. 2671,58,17,000 | 26-3-1998 (Afternoon Sitting) | 26-3-1998 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 1998-99 | Rs. 3395,95,09,000 | 18-3-1999 (Afternoon Sitting) | 18-3-1999 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 1999-2000 | Rs. 498,49,63,000 (1st Instalment) | 8-9-1999 | 8-9-1999 |
| 1999-2000 | Rs. 33,11,15,06,000 (2nd Instalment) | 15-3-2000 | 15-3-2000 |
| 2000-2001 | Rs. 818,28,30,000 | 16-3-2001 | 16-3-2001 |

## 11. SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

During the period under review, notice of only one Substantive Motion was received in 1st Session, 1997.

The notice of Substantive Motion was given by Master Mohan Lal, M.L.A. regarding censuring of the conduct of Shri V. K. Khanna, former Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab who had allegedly misused the power and brought bad name to the highest post by implicating a few loyal, honest and hard working Officers of Punjab Government, but the same was disallowed by the Hon'ble Speaker.

## 12. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made three Statements on the floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions. The number of Statements made by each of them was as follows :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Minister | .. | 1 |
| Finance Minister | .. | 1 |
| Food and Supplies, Public Health and Parliamentary Affairs Minister | .. | 1 |
| Total | .. | 3 |

In addition, 128 Statements were made in the House by various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these Statements, a reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 13. STATEMENTS MADE IN REPLY TO MATTERS RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

The Ministers made Statements in reply to various matters raised during Zero Hour, for which reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

## 14. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review was 811. The time taken thereon was 188 hours 31 minutes in 13 Sessions with 95 sittings excluding the ones when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha. Out of these speeches, 335 were made by the Members of Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 165 by Ministers and 311 by other Opposition Groups including I.N.C., C.P.I., B.S.P., S.A.D.(M) and Independents, the time taken in each case being 74 hours 51 minutes, 46 hours 37½ minutes and 67 hours 2½ minutes respectively.

The year-wise break-up of the above figures is given in the Statement below :—

## STATEMENT

| Year | Session | No. of Sittings | Number of Speeches made by: Treasury Benches – Members Excluding Ministers | Treasury Benches – Ministers | Members of I.N.C. | Members of C.P.I. | Members of B.S.P. | Members of S.A.D. (M) | Independents | Time taken by: Treasury Benches – Members Excluding Minister | Treasury Benches – Ministers | Members of I.N.C. | Members of C.P.I. | Members of B.S.P. | Members of S.A.D. (M) | Independents |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. | H.M. |
| 1997 | I | 10 | 57 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 6 | — | 9.39 | 3.04 | 3.25 | 1.53 | 0.20 | 0.15 | — |
| 1997 | II | 12 | 58 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 14.17 | 7.35 | 4.45 | 2.46 | 0.16 | 0.50 | 0.22 |
| 1997 | III | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 2 | — | 0.12 | 0.49 | 0.41 | 1.20 | 0.08 | 0.16 | — |
| 1998 | IV | 4 | 7 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 2 | — | 0.39 | 2.16 | 0.56 | 1.03 | 0.11 | 0.08 | — |
| 1998 | V | 13 | 47 | 29 | 17 | 16 | — | 6 | 1 | 12.48 | 10.12 | 5.02 | 3.47 | — | 0.52 | 0.10 |
| 1998 | VI | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | — | 2 | 1 | 0.06 | 0.58 | 0.49 | 0.48 | — | 0.12 | 0.09 |
| 1999 | VII | 13 | 51 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14.18 | 4.42 | 5.54 | 3.32 | 0.57 | 0.50 | 0.29 |
| 1999 | VIII | 2 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0.09 | 1.15 | 1.02 | 0.54 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.08 |
| 2000 | IX | 16 | 56 | 30 | 26 | 22 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 13.19 | 7.42½ | 6.37½ | 4.01 | 1.05 | 1.53 | 0.46 |
| 2000 | X | 4 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2.20 | 2.10 | 1.47 | 1.29 | 0.02 | 0.40 | 0.07 |
| 2001 | XI | 12 | 33 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6.52 | 4.39 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.07 |
| 2001 | XII | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 0.11 | 0.24 | 0.08 | 0.22 | 0.12 | — | 0.08 |
| 2001 | XIII | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | — | — | 0.01 | 0.51 | 0.13 | 0.28 | 0.20 | — | — |
| TOTAL | | 95 | 335 | 165 | 114 | 106 | 25 | 50 | 16 | 74.51 | 46.37½ | 31.39½ | 22.44 | 3.50 | 6.23 | 2.26 |

*Note*.—The figures in the above statement do not include the time taken by the Speaker on his Observations/Rulings, etc., Questions discussion on Adjournment Motions, in respect of Legislation, Presentation of Reports and Papers etc., Questions of Privilege, Call Attention Notices and Points of Orders etc. etc.

## 15. WALKOUTS

In all there were 81 Walk-Outs by individual Members/Members of different Groups during the period under review. The table below gives the Session-wise figures :—

| Serial No. | Session | | No. of walk-outs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| 1 | Budget (First) Session, 1997 | .. | 4 |
| 2 | Budget (Second) Session, 1997 | .. | 4 |
| 3 | Winter (Third) Session, 1997 | .. | 1 |
| 4 | Fourth Session, 1998 | .. | 6 |
| 5 | Budget (Fifth) Session, 1998 | .. | 5 |
| 6 | Winter (Sixth) Session, 1998 | .. | 2 |
| 7 | Budget (Seventh) Session, 1999 | .. | 17 |
| 8 | Eighth Session, 1999 | .. | 2 |
| 9 | Budget (Ninth) Session, 2000 | .. | 21 |
| 10 | Tenth Session, 2000 | .. | 5 |
| 11 | Budget (Eleventh) Session, 2001 | .. | 8 |
| 12 | Monsoon (Twelfth) Session, 2001 | .. | 3 |
| 13 | Winter (Thirteenth) Session, 2001 | .. | 3 |
| | Total | .. | 81 |

## 16. UNPARLIAMENTARY/UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held by the Speaker as Unparliamentary/Undesirable. For detail, reference may be made to the Resume of various Sessions.

## 17. COMMITTEES

In 1997 there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees :—

1. Business Advisory Committee
2. Committee on Public Accounts.
3. Committee on Estimates.
4. Committee on Public Undertakings.
5. Committee on Privileges.
6. Committee on Government Assurances.
7. Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
8. General Purposes Committee.
9. Library Committee.
10. House Committee.
11. Committee on Petitions.
12. Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.
13. Committee on Papers Laid/to be Laid on the Table.
14. Select Committee on Punjab Municipal Bill, 1998. (Bill presented in the House on 22nd December, 1998).
15. Committee of the House to Enquire into the recruitment of Teachers made by the Previous Government (from 1999 to 2001).

The various Committees of the 11th Punjab Vidhan Sabha i.e. from 1997-1998 to 2001-2002 were nominated in accordance with the Resolution adopted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 20th March, 1997, 27th March, 1998, 30th March, 1999, 30th March, 2000, 27th March, 2001 respectively and the relevant Rules of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly). The Speaker appointed Chairmen of the above Committees under Rule 184(1) read with Rule 207 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

The membership of these Committees is given below :—

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Business Advisory Committee .. | Speaker as *Ex-Officio* Chairman and not more than five other Members |

| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Committee on Public Accounts | .. | Thirteen Members. |
| 3 | Committee on Estimates | .. | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 4 | Committee on Public Undertakings | .. | Thirteen Members |
| 5 | Committee of Privileges | .. | Not more than twelve Members. |
| 6 | Committee on Government Assurances | .. | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 7 | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | .. | Not more than thirteen Members (including the Advocate General). |
| 8 | General Purposes Committee | .. | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised parties and groups in the House and such other Members as may be nominated by the Speaker. |
| 9 | Library Committee | .. | Nine Members. |
| 10 | House Committee | .. | Deputy Speaker as *Ex-Officio* Chairman and eight other Members. |
| 11 | Committee on Petitions | .. | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 12 | Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | .. | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 13 | Committee on Papers Laid/ to be Laid on the Table | .. | Not more than ten Members. |
| 14 | Select Committee on Punjab Municipal Bill, 1998 (Bill presented in the House on 22nd December, 1998) | .. | Fifteen Members. |
| 15 | Committee of the House to Enquire into the recruitment of Teachers made by the Previous Government (from 1999 to 2001) | .. | Seven Members. |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees yearwise alongwith the number of Reports presented by each in the following statement :—

*STATEMENT

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | Number of meetings | | | | | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Business Advisory Committee | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| 2 | Committee on Public Accounts | 38 | 48 | 62 | 68 | 44 | 30 |
| 3 | Committee on Estimates | 29 | 78 | 59 | 81 | 63 | 14 |
| 4 | Committee on Public Undertakings | 52 | 88 | 62 | 48 | 44 | 18 |
| 5 | Committee of Privileges | 21 | 29 | 31 | 34 | 19 | 11 |
| 6 | Committee on Government Assurances | 40 | 50 | 51 | 48 | 39 | 4 |
| 7 | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 19 | 32 | 38 | 39 | 11 | 4 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | General Purposes Committee | 2 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 9 | Library Committee | 18 | 24 | 39 | 40 | 17 | — |
| 10 | House Committee | 5 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 14 | — |
| 11 | Committee on Petitions | 30 | 42 | 34 | 41 | 38 | — |
| 12 | Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | 44 | 46 | 40 | 38 | 25 | 8 |
| 13 | Committee on Papers Laid/to be Laid on the Table | 21 | 42 | 34 | 32 | 28 | 4 |
| 14 | Select Committee on Punjab Municipal Bill, 1998 (Bill passed in the House on 22nd December, 1998) | — | 7 | — | — | — | — |
| 15 | Committee of House for the scrutiny of the appointments of Teachers | — | — | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 |

*This information is up to 26th February, 2002 when the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

## 18. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 1997-98; 1998-99; 1999-2000; 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, the Business Advisory Committee made recommendations regarding the date-wise programme, discussion on Demands for Grants and various other items of business before the House. The Committee presented 6, 4, 2, 3 and 2 reports respectively to the House.

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## 19. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

1. The Membership of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1997-98 to 2001-2002 was thirteen.

2. The Total number of meetings held year-wise alongwith the number of Reports presented is given in the following statement :—

**STATEMENT**

| Year | Number of meetings | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1997-98 | 38 | 7 |
| 1998-99 | 48 | 6 |
| 1999-2000 | 62 | 8 |
| 2000-2001 | 68 | 9 |
| 2001-2002 | 44 | — |

3. (i) The Committee for the year 1997-98 presented seven Reports in the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject-matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 109th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 (Civil) relating to Food and Supplies Department. | 23-12-1997 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | 110th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 (Civil) relating to Public Works (Buildings & Roads Branch) Department. | 26-3-1998 |
| 3. | 111th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 (Civil) relating to Printing and Stationery Department. | 26-3-1998 |
| 4. | 112th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (Civil) (General Report). | 26-3-1998 |
| 5. | 113th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 1990-91 and 1992-93 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1992-93 (Civil) relating to Food and Supplies Department. | 26-3-1998 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | 114th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1986-87 and the Report of Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the year 1986-87 (Civil) relating to Agriculture Department. | 26-3-1998 |
| 7. | 115th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 (Civil) relating to Industries Department. | 26-3-1998 |

The Committee also scrutinised the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla, Bangalore, Mysore, Ooty and Panaji and exchanged views with the Chairman of its sister Committee of Karnataka Legislative Assembly on the scope and functions of the Committee. The Committee also met the Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly and discussed the scope and functions of the Committee with its sister Committee in Goa Legislative Assembly.

(ii) The Committee for the years 1998-99 presented six Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 116th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1986-87 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1986-87 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 22-12-1998 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | 117th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (Civil) relating to the Agriculture Department. | 11-3-1999 |
| 3. | 118th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1986-87, 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1986-87, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (Civil) relating to Forests Department. | 11-3-1999 |
| 4. | 119th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1992-93 and 1994-95 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1992-93 and 1994-95 (Civil) relating to Agriculture Department. | 11-3-1999 |
| 5. | 120th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1993-94 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1993-94 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department. | 18-3-1999 |
| 6. | 121st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1987-88 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1987-88 (Civil) relating to Social Welfare Department. | 30-3-1999 |

The Committee also scrutinised the statement showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendation/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee also held meetings at Delhi, Shimla and Sikkim. The Committee exchanged views on the Panchayat Raj System with the Principal Secretary to Government of West Bengal, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats. The Committee also exchanged views with the Chairman of its sister Committee of West Bengal Legislative Assembly on the scope and functions of the Committee.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1999-2000 presented eight Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 122nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1990-91 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1990-91(Civil) relating to Science, Technology and Environment and Industries Department. | 15-3-2000 |
| 2. | 123rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1987-88 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1987-88 (R.R.) relating to Transport Department, Revenue Department and Irrigation Department. | 15-3-2000 |
| 3. | 124th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1992-93 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1992-93 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 15-3-2000 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | 125th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1987-88 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1987-88 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 15-3-2000 |
| 5. | 126th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1990-91 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1990-91(R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 27-3-2000 |
| 6. | 127th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95 and 1996-97 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1994-95 (R.R.) and 1996-97 (R.R.) relating to the Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture. | 27-3-2000 |
| 7. | 128th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1993-94 (R.R.) and 1994-95 (R.R.) relating to the Revenue Department | 27-3-2000 |
| 8. | 129th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1996-97 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1996-97 (Civil) relating to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats. | 28-3-2000 |

The Committee also scrutinised the Statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Shahpur Kandi and Gurdaspur. The Committee also visited Trivandrum, Ooty, Bangalore and Mysore. The Committee exchanged views on the scope and functions of the Committee with its sister Committee of Kerala Legislative Assembly. The Committee also discussed the scope and functions of the Committee with the Secretary, Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2000-2001 presented nine Reports to the House as detailed below :—

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Reports | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 130th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1988-89, 1991-92 1992-93 and 1995-96 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1988-89, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1995-96 (R.R.) relating to the Department of Revenue. | 14-3-2001 |
| 2. | 131st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1995-96 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1995-96 (R.R.) relating to the Department of Transport. | 14-3-2001 |
| 3. | 132nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 (R.R.) relating to the Department of Excise & Taxation. | 15-3-2001 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | 133rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (Civil) relating to Health and Family Welfare and Food and Supplies Department. | 15-3-2001 |
| 5. | 134th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 (Civil) relating to P.W.D. (Public Health). | 22-3-2001 |
| 6. | 135th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (R.R.) relating to the Irrigation, Industries, Housing and Urban Development Finance, Power and Horticulture Department. | 22-3-2001 |
| 7. | 136th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1991-92 and 1995-96 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1991-92 (R.R.) and 1995-96 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 22-3-2001 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8. | 137th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1994-95 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1994-95 (Civil) relating to Revenue, Technical Education, Sports, Transport, Animal Husbandry, Colonization and Horticulture Department. | 22-3-2001 |
| 9. | 138th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1996-97 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1996-97 (Civil) relating to to Rural Development and Panchayats Department. | 26-2-2001 |

The Committee also scrutinised the Statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee also held meetings at Shimla, Ludhiana, New Delhi and Bhatinda. The Committee visited the States of West Bengal, Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur and exchanged views on the scope and functions of the Committee with the Members of its sister Committees in these States. The Committee also met the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur State and exchanged views on the matters of mutual interests.

(v) The Committee for the year 2001-2002 scrutinised the replies received from the different departments in respect of Paragraphs appearing in

the various Reports of Comptroller and Auditor General of India as detailed below :—

| Department | | Year of the Audit Report |
|---|---|---|
| Transport | .. | 1995-96 (C) |
| Irrigation | .. | 1983-84 (C) |
| | .. | 1984-85 (C) |
| | .. | 1986-87 (C) |
| | .. | 1987-88 (C) |
| | .. | 1990-91 (C) |
| | .. | 1991-92 (C) |
| | .. | 1995-96 (C) |
| | .. | 1996-97 (C) |
| | .. | 1997-98 (C) |
| | . | 1998-99 (C) |
| P.W.D. (B&R) | .. | 1995-96 (C) |
| | .. | 1997-98 (C) |
| Excise and Taxation | .. | 1994-95 (RR) |
| | .. | 1997-98 (RR) |
| Rural Development and Panchayats | .. | 1986-87 (C) |
| | .. | 1998-99 (C) |
| Education | .. | 1993-94 (C) |
| | .. | 1994-95 (C) |
| | .. | 1996-97 (C) |
| | .. | 1997-98 (C) |
| Animal Husbandry | .. | 1998-99 (C) |
| Revenue | .. | 1996-97 (RR) |
| Industries | .. | 1992-93 (C) |

The Committee also scrutinized the Statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observation contained in its various earlier Reports.

The Committee held its meeting at Shimla, New Delhi, Chennai, Port Blair, Kolkata, Manali, Mumbai and Goa. The Committee also met the Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly and discussed with him the matters of mutual interests.

The Committee could not present any Report to the House due to the declaration of the elections of the Assembly in the State.

## 20. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 1997-98 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

1. Irrigation Department;
2. Education Department;
3. Health and Family Welfare Department.

The Committee also decided to examine the Departments which were already selected by the previous Committee during the year 1996-97 :

1. Excise and Taxation Department;
2. Industry Department;
3. Revenue Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1997-98.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its one Report to the House on 27th March, 1998 on the Budget Estimates for the year 1996-97 in respect of Excise and Taxation Department.

The Committee did not appoint any Sub-Committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi and different places in the State of Punjab.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1998-99 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

(1) Home Affairs and Justice (Police) Department ;

(2) Local Government Department ;

(3) Irrigation Department ;

(4) Rural Development and Panchayats Department;

(5) Food and Supplies Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1998-99.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinized quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its four Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1998-99 in respect of the following departments:—

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Regarding functioning of Punjab Bhawan, .. New Delhi and other Circuit Houses of Punjab Govt. in the State | 22-12-1998 |
| 2 | Home Affairs and Justice (Police) .. Department | 26-3-1999 |
| 3 | Local Government Department .. | 26-3-1999 |
| 4 | Irrigation Department .. | 30-3-1999 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1998-99 to the House on 18th March, 1999.

The Committee appointed its one Sub-committee.

(iii) The Committee for the year 1999-2000 examined the Budget Estimates of the following departments :—

(1) Health and Family Welfare Department;

(2) Rural Development and Panchayats Department;

(3) Transport Department ;

(4) Revenue Department ;

(5) Public Health Department.

The Committee also examined the supplementary estimates for the year 1999-2000 (Ist and 2nd instalments).

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier reports.

The Committee presented its One report to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 1999-2000 in respect of Transport Department.

The Committee also presented its two reports on the supplementary estimates (Ist and IInd instalments) for the year 1999-2000 to the House on 8th September, 1999 and 14th March, 2000.

The Committee did not appoint any sub-committee during the year.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2000-2001 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :—

(1) Public Works Department (B & R) ;

(2) Rural Development and Panchayats Department;

(3) Health and Family Welfare Department;

(4) Hospitality Department ;

(5) Medical Education and Research Department ;

(6) Irrigation Department ;

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2000-2001.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statement showing the details of action taken by the Government Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier reports.

The Committee presented its Four reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2000-2001 in respect of following Departments:—

| Sr. No. | Department | | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| 1. | Hospitality Department | .. | 21-3-2001 |
| 2. | Medical Education and Research Department | .. | 22-3-2001 |
| 3. | Public Works Department (B & R) | .. | 26-3-2001 |
| 4. | Health and Family Welfare Department | .. | 27-3-2001 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the supplementary estimates for the year 2000-2001 to the House on 15th March, 2001.

The Committee did not appoint any sub-committee during the year.

(v) The Committee for the year 2000-2001 examined the Budget Estimates of the following departments :—

(1) Rural Development and Panchayats Department;

(2) Public Works Department;

(3) Food and Supplies Department ;

(4) Public Health Department ;

(5) Industry Departmefit ;

(6) Home Affairs and Justice Department.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinized quarterly statement showing the details of action taken by the Government departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier reports.

The Committee could not present any report to the House due to the declaration of General Elections to the 12th Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

The Committee did not appoint any sub-committee during the year.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Faridkot, Jalandhar, Nangal, Amritsar, Batala, Patiala and Mansa.

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## 21. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 1997-98 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd. and Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd. in respect of its general working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/Boards regarding Audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1986-87, 1987-88, 1989-90, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.

The Committee presented its 53rd Report to the House on the 26th March, 1998 in respect of Audit paragraphs appearing in the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 (Commercial) relating to the PEPSU Road Transport Corporation, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Punjab State Leather Development Corporation Ltd., Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

The Committee presented its 54th, 55th and 56th reports to the House on the 27th March, 1998 in respect of Audit paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1987-88 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Hosiery and Knitwear Corporation Ltd., and for the year 1987-88 and 1989-90 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Electricity Board.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1998-99 scrutinized material received from the Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd., and Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. in respect of its general working and orally examined their departmental representatives.

The Committee also scrutinized the material received from the Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation Ltd. in respect of its general working.

The Committee also scrutinized the replies received from different Corporations/Boards in respect of Audit Paragraphs contained in the various Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial).

The Committee also scrutinized the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 57th Report to the House on the 11th March, 1989 (Morning Sitting) in respect of Audit paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1986-87 and 1992-93 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its 58th Report to the House on the 12th March, 1989 in respect of General Working of the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.

The Committee presented its 59th Report to the House on the 18th March, 1999 (M.S.) in respect of Audit paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1990-91, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Punjab State Seeds Corporation Ltd., Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Ltd., Punjab Financial Corporation and Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

The Committee presented its 60th and 61st Reports to the House on the 19th March, 1999 and 27th March, 1999 (A.S.) respectively in respect of General Working of the Punjab Financial Corporation and Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

(iii) The Committee during the year 1999-2000, received information in respect of previous three years working of those Corporations/Boards under its purview which were also running in losses and presented its 64th Report to the House on the 16th March, 1999. Besides this, the Committee scrutinized the General Working of five other Corporations/Boards and brought Punjab Health Systems Corporation under its purview and scrutinized its General Working.

The Committee also asked for the information regarding number of Jeeps/Cars alongwith expenditure accrued thereon on account of their maintenance/fuel from the various Boards/Corporations under its purview. The Committee scrutinized the information received from the Boards/ Corporations regarding vehicles expenditure accrued thereon on account of fuel/maintenance and presented its 65th Report to the House on the 29th March, 1999. The Committee prepared and presented its 66th Report to the House on the General working of the Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. on 29th March, 1999.

The Committee scrutinized the replies received from the different Corporations/Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the various years.

The Committee scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 62nd Report on the Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1985-86 and 1991-92 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board and 63rd Report on the Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1988-89 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State to the House on 14th March, 1999.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2000-2001 scrutinized the General Working of the five Boards/Corporations but due to shortage of the time Committee presented only two Reports.

The Committee scrutinized the replies received from the Government in respect of various Corporations/Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the various years.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 67th Report to the House in respect of General Working of the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board on 15th March, 2001.

The Committee presented its 68th Report in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. to the House on 22nd March, 2001.

The Committee presented its 69th Report in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1987-88, 1988-89, 1991-92, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1996-97 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Ltd., Punjab Poultry Development Corporation Ltd., PEPSU Road Transport Corporation and Punjab Digital System Ltd. to the House on 26th March, 2001.

The Committee presented its 70th report to the House regarding General working of the PEPSU Road Transport Corporation on 26th March, 2001.

(v) The Committee for the year 2001-2002 scrutinized the material received from the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) and Punjab Health Systems Corporation and framed questionnaire. But the Committee could not prepare and submit any Report due to shortage of time and its disposal and declaration of Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections before completion of its term.

The Committee scrutinized the replies received from various Corporations/Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the various years.

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE YEAR-WISE**

| 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 88 | 62 | 48 | 44 |

## NUMBER OF REPORTS PRESENTED YEARWISE

| 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | — |

Meetings held by the Committee at places other than Chandigarh.

| Year | Place |
|---|---|
| 1997-98 | New Delhi, Nangal, Madhopur/Shahpur Kandi and Shimla. |
| 1998-99 | New Delhi, Shimla, Narkanda, Paunta Sahib, Mussorie, Ropar, Nangal, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Bangalore, Mysore, Ooty, Kanya-Kumari, Triventhapuram, Madhopur, Dalhousie and Shahpur Kandi. |
| 1999-2000 | Shahpur Kandi, Nangal, Ropar, Kulu, Manali, Manikaran, Rohtangpass, Shimla and New Delhi. |
| 2000-2001 | Shimla and New Delhi. |
| 2001-2002 | New Delhi, Goa, Mumbai, Silvasa, Patiala, Shimla, Bangalore, Ooty and Goa. |

## 22. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The following matters were referred to the Committee of Privileges :—

### 1998-1999

1. A question of breach of privileges raised by Sardar Balwant Singh, MLA against Sh. Rajinder Pal Singh Anand, SHO, Amloh (later on Incharge Anti Terrorist Cell, Fatehgarh Sahib) regarding alleged discourtesy shown to him when he went to Village Chopdaran Polling Booth in connection with the elections of Buggha Kalan Zonal of Land Mortgage Bank, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 5th September, 1998.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 4th February, 1999. The Committee recommended to drop the issue in view of tendering unqualified apology by Sh. Rajinder Pal Singh Anand, SHO, (Later on Incharge, Anti Terrorist Cell, Fatehgarh Sahib).

2. Another question of privilege regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to S. Manmohan Singh Sathiala, MLA by S. Jaswant Singh, SHO, Thāna City Hoshiarpur when he talked to him on telephone on 14th April, 1998 in connection with the F.I.R. registered against Sant Devinder Singh of Gurudwara Tibba Sahib, Hoshiarpur, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 24th August, 1998.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 4th February, 1999. In view of tendering unqualified apology, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

3. In another question of privilege raised by Dr. Ram Kumar Goel, MLA against Sh. Ram Kishan A.D.P.I. (S) regarding alleged misbehaviour against him when he went to the office of D.P.I. (S) in Sector 17 on 6th August, 1998 in connection with an important work of an active worker of their party, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 13th November, 1998.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 9th March, 1999. The Committee recommended to drop the matter in view of unqualified apology tendered by Shri Ram Kishan, A.D.P.I. (S).

4. Another question of privilege raised by S. Ajit Inder Singh Mofar, MLA against Sh. R.S. Manaro, Deputy Secretary to Chairman, Punjab State Electricity Board regarding alleged misbehavior with him when he went to meet the Chairman, Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala in connection with improper supply of power in Mansa Constituency, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 24th September, 1998.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 9th March, 1999. In view of the clarification given by S. Bikramjit Singh, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Punjab & Department of Irrigation and Power, the then Chairman, Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala and unqualified apology tendered by Sh. R.S. Manaro, Deputy Secretary, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

**1999-2000**

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by Shri Hardev Singh Arshi, M.L.A. against S. Gurtej Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Bareta for his alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to him through Sh. Sain Singh, son of

Sh. Ganga Singh a Majabi Sikh of Village Akbar Khudal (Mansa), was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 23rd February, 1999.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 10th June, 1999. In view of the clarification given in writing by Sh. Hardev Singh Arshi, M.L.A. and unqualified apology tendered by S. Gurtej Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Bareta, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

2. Another question of privilege regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to Sh. Sat Pal Gosain, MLA by Dr. G.S. Preet, Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab when he went to meet him in connection with the bribe taken by two officers/officials of his Department, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 15th December, 1999.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 28th February, 2000. In view of the unqualified apology tendered by Dr. G.S. Preet, Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

3. Another question of privilege regarding misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to Sh. Sat Pal Gosain, MLA by Sh. A.S. Grewal, Additional SE (Enforcement), Punjab State Electricity Board, Ludhiana when he talked to him on telephone in respect of temporary electricity connection to Bhaicharak Sabha (Registered) for Dushehra festival, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 26th November, 1999.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 4th February, 2000. In view of unqualified apology tendered by Sh. A.S. Grewal, Additional SE (Enforcement), Punjab State Electricity Board, Ludhiana, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

**2000-2001**

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by S. Makhan Singh, M.L.A. against Sh. S.R. Ladhar, Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda (Later on Special Secretary, Freedom Fighter) regarding alleged discourtesy and disrespectful behaviour shown by him to the Hon'ble Member when he was not provided proper seat in the meeting of the District Grievances Committee and District Road Committee held in the new Meeting Hall built in the D.C.'s Complex, Bathinda, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 17th May, 2000.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 28th July, 2000. In view of the unqualified apology tendered by Sh. S.R. Ladhar, Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda (lateron Special Secretary, Freedom Fighter), the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

2. Another question of privilege regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to the Member of the Committee on Petition by S. Bikramjit Singh, I.A.S, Principal Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice on 15th September, 2000 when he was replying to the question asked by Shrimati Laxmi Kanta Chawla, MLA, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by Speaker on 21st November, 2000.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 26th February, 2001. In view of the unqualified apology tendered by S. Bikramjit Singh, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

**2001-2002**

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by S. Sukhwinder Singh Aulakh, M.L.A. against Sh. Daljit Singh Bhatia, District Food Supply Controller, Mansa regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to him when he went to meet him at his residence on 22nd October, 2000 in connection with the renewal of Licences of the Commission Agent, Bhikhi, was referred to the Committee of the Privileges by Speaker on 26th December, 2000.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 28th September, 2001. Although Sh. Daljit Singh Bhatia, District Food Supply Controller, Mansa tendered unqualified apology yet the Committee recommended to the Speaker for disciplinary action against the said officer.

2. Another question of privilege regarding misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to S. Jagtar Singh Rajla, M.L.A. by Sh. Ashwani Kumar, D.S.P., Samana (lateron D.S.P. Traffic, Ludhiana) and Sh. Lakhvir Singh Tiwana, S.H.O., Samana (lateron Sub-Inspector, Sadar Police Station, Nabha) when he talked to them on telephone on 10th November, 2000 in connection with the matter of Public Mutual Interest, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 26th December, 2000.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 18th October, 2001. In view of the unqualified apology tendered

by the said officers, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

3. A question of privilege raised by S. Bikramjit Singh Khalsa, M.L.A. against Sh. Kuldeep Singh, S.S.P., Ludhiana, Sh. Ramandeep Singh, S.H.O., and Sh. Bakhshish Singh, A.S.I. No. 1292, Sadar Police Station, Ludhiana regarding alleged disrespectful behaviour of Sh. Bakhshish Singh, A.S.I. on 4th February, 2001, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 8th June, 2001.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 10th October, 2001. In view of the unqualified apology tendered by S.S.P., Ludhiana, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

4. Another question of privilege regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to S. Inderjit Singh Zira, M.L.A., by Sh. Palwinder Singh Sandhu, S.H.O., Thana Zira when he went to meet him on 5th November, 2001 at Thana Zira in connection with a complaint report registered against S. Jagir Singh, Sarpanch, Village Katora, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 21st December, 2001.

The Committee could not hear S. Inderjit Singh Zira, M.L.A., as its meeting could not be held for want of quorum. The Committee could not submit its report on the issue, firstly because of non-extension of its time and secondly because of the dissolution of the Eleventh Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 26th February, 2002.

**23. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES**

The Committee for the year 1997-98 was nominated on the 8th May, 1997. It held 40 meetings and scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from departments concerned in respect of 307 Assurances of Budget Session, 1995. 69 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 1995 ; 253 Assurances relating to Budget Session, 1996, 49 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 1996, 16 Assurances relating to Winter Session, 1996; three Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 1 (Budget Session, 1994); one Assurance relating to Supplementary Statement No. 2 (Autumn Session, 1994); three Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 3 (Budget Session, 1995); two Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 4 (Monsoon Session, 1995); three Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 5 (Budget Session, 1996); and three Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 6 (Monsoon Session, 1996). The Committee dropped 318 Assurances in all after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon.

In the cases of remaining Assurances, in regard to which satisfactory replies were not received from various departments or the information supplied was not complete or not sent at all, the Committee asked for further information/made further observations in respect of such Assurances.

The Committee also approved three Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 5 (Budget Session, 1996); three Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 1996; 16 Assurances of Winter Session 1996; 199 Assurances relating to Budget (1st) Session, 1997; 258 Assurances of Budget (IInd) Session, 1997 and sent the same to the Government Departments concerned for implementation thereof.

The Committee during its tenure, visited New Delhi and Himachal Pradesh (Simla).

The Committee presented its 31st Report in the House on 26th March, 1998.

The Committee for the year 1998-99 was nominated on the 7th April, 1998. It held 50 meetings and scrutinized Replies/Interim Replies etc. with regard to its recommendations made in respect of 24 Assurances, contained in its 29th Report and 184 Assurances, contained in its 30th Report.

The Committee also approved 16 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 1 Budget (1st) Session, 1997; 16 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 2, Budget (2nd) Session, 1997; 19 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 3, Budget (2nd) Session, 1997; 41 Assurances relating to Winter Session, 1997; 41 Assurances relating to Budget (1st) Session, 1998; 238 Assurances relating to Budget (2nd) Session, 1998; five Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 4, Budget (2nd) Session, 1998; and 28 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 5, Winter Session, 1998; and the same were sent to the Government Departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized 108 Assurances relating to Budget (1st) Session, 1997. The Committee dropped 40 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In case of remaining 67 Assurances after being not satisfied with the Replies/Interim Replies sent by the respective Departments, the Committee made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinised the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of 128 Assurances of the Budget (2nd) Session, 1997. The Committee, after detailed discussion, dropped 65

Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon and in case of remaining 63 Assurances, the Committee being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies by the Government Departments, made further observations and issued directions for complete implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments regarding nine Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1, Budget (1st) Session, 1997. The Committee, after detailed discussions, dropped eight Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon and in case of remaining three Assurances, the Committee after being satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies sent by the Government Departments, made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinised Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of six Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 2 of Budget (2nd) Session 1997. The Committee, after detailed discussions, made observation, in regard to these Assurances and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee also visited Himachal Pradesh (Simla), New Delhi and Ranjit Sagar Dam (Shahpur Kandi).

The Committee presented its 32nd Report to the House on 19th March, 1999.

The Committee for the year 1999-2000 was nominated on the 23rd April, 1999. It held 51 meetings. The Committee approved 270 Assurances relating to Budget Session, 1999. 16 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 1999, 12 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 6 of Budget Session, 1999, four Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 7 of Budget Session, 1999 and the same were sent to the Government Departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinised Replies etc. received from various departments with regard to its recommendations made in respect of 35 Assurances, contained in its 29th Report, 48 Assurances, contained in its 30th Report and 169 Assurances contained in its 31st Report.

The Committee approved 16 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of Budget (1st) Session, 1997; 16 Assurances of Supplementary No. 2 of Budget (2nd) Session, 1997; 20 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 3 of Budget (2nd) Session, 1997; and Budget (1st) Session, 1998; five Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 4 of Budget (2nd) Session, 1998; and 28 Assurances of Supplementary Statement

No. 5 of Winter Session, 1998; and the same were sent to respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized Replies/Interim Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of 41 Assurances relating to Budget (1st) Session, 1988. Out of these, the Committee, after detailed discussions, dropped 16 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government thereon. In case of remaining 25 Assurances, the Committee, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies received from various departments, made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of 250 Assurances of the Budget (2nd) Session, 1998. Out of these Assurances, the Committee, after detailed discussions and being satisfied with the action taken by the Government, dropped 65 Assurances. In case of remaining 185 Assurances, the Committee, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments, made observation and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee during its tenure also visited New Delhi.

The Committee presented its 33rd Report to the House on 30th March, 2000.

The Committee for the year, 2000-2001 was nominated on the 5th April, 2000. It held 48 meetings. It approved 246 Assurances of Budget Session, 2000; 35 Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2000 and four Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of Budget Session, 2000 and the same were sent to departments of the Government for implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of Assurances relating to Budget Session, 1999. Out of these, the Committee, after detailed discussions, dropped 115 Assurances. In case of remaining 156 Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments, the Committee made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of 16 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 1999. Out of those, the Committee after detailed discussion dropped

six Assurances. In case of remaining 10 Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments, the Committee made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of 12 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 6 of Budget Session, 1999. Out of these the Committee, after detailed discussions, dropped one Assurance. In case of remaining 11 Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various Departments, the Committee made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of four Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 7 of Budget Session, 1999. The Committee, after detailed discussions, dropped one Assurance. In case of remaining three Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim replies/Replies etc. received from various departments, the Committee made further observations and also issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of its recommendations pertaining to 12 Assurances contained in its 29th Report. The Committee, after detailed discussions, dropped three Assurances. In case of remaining nine Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments, the Committee made further observations and also issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various respective departments in respect of its recommendation pertaining to 47 Assurances contained in its 30th Report. The Committee, after detailed discussion, dropped 17 Assurances. In case of remaining 30 Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments, the Committee made further observations and also issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinized the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from various departments in respect of its recommendation pertaining to 199 Assurances contained in its 31st Report. The Committee after detailed discussion dropped 100 Assurances. In case of remaining 99 Assurances, being not satisfied with the Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from

various departments, the Committee made further observations and also issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee, during its tenure, visited New Delhi, Mukerian Rest House, Ravi Sadan, Ranjit Sagar Dam near Shahpur Kandi, Jalandhar, Nangal Dam and Himachal Pradesh (Shimla).

The Committee presented its 34th Report to the House on 27th March, 2001.

The Committee for the year 2001-2002 was nominated on the 11th April, 2001. It held 39 meetings and scrutinized Interim Replies/Replies etc. received from Departments concerned in respect of 547 Assurances contained in its 29th Report, 30th Report, 31st Report, 32nd Report, 33rd Report, Budget Session 2000, Monsoon Session 2000, Budget/Monsoon 1999 and Budget Session (1st and 2nd) 1998. The Committee dropped 361 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In case of remaining 186 Assurances after being not satisfied with the Replies/Interim Replies sent by the respective Departments. The Committee made further observation and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee also approved three Assurances of Budget Session 2001. One Assurance of Supplementary Statement No. 2 of Budget Session 2000 and the same were sent to the respective Departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Departments of Excise and Taxation, Irrigation, General Coordination, Home Affair and Justice; Industries, Welfare of SC/BCs, Local Government, Science and Technology and Environment.

The Committee, during its tenure, visited New Delhi, Shimla, Dalhousie, and Khaziar (Himachal Pradesh) and also visited Ravi Sadan (Shahpur Kandi), Ranjit Sagar Dam (Thein Dam), Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Nawanshaher, Goindwal, Dhaulla (Distt. Sangrur) and Hamira for "On-the-Spot-Study.".

The Elections for the 12th Punjab Vidhan Sabha were announced by the Election Commission of India,—*vide* Notification dated 16th January, 2002. The Committee, therefore, could not prepare/present its Report.

## 24. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The year-wise details of the rules scrutinized by the Committee during the period under review are as under :—

**1997-98**

(i) The Service Regulations framed under the Punjab Health Systems Corporation Act, 1996.

(ii) Regulations for conduct of Business by the Board of Directors framed under the Punjab Health Systems Corporation Act, 1996.

(iii) Regulation for Levying fee framed under the Punjab Health Systems Corporation Act, 1996.

Besides Chandigarh, the Committee held its meeting at New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 27th Report to the House on 27th March, 1998.

**1998-99**

(i) The Consumer Protection (Punjab) Rules, 1987 framed under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(ii) The Punjab State Legal Services Authorities Rules, 1996 framed Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

(iii) The Punjab Legal Services Authority (Transaction of business and other Provisions) Regulations, 1998 framed under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

(iv) The High Court Legal Services Committee Regulations, 1998 framed under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Besides Chandigarh, the Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Chennai, Kanya Kumari (Tamilnadu), Triputi (Andhra Pradesh) and Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) also.

The Committee presented its 28th Report to the House on 19th March, 1999.

**1999-2000**

(i) The Punjab State Lottery Rules, 1998 framed under the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998.

(ii) The Punjab General Sales Tax Rules, 1949 framed under the Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948.

Besides Chandigarh, the Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 29th Report to the House on 30th March, 2000.

**2000-2001**

(i) The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Punjab Rules, 1978 framed under the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

(ii) The Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners (Election) Rules, 1975 framed under the Punjab Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also besides Chandigarh.

The Committee presented its 30th Report to the House on 22nd March, 2001.

**2001-2002**

The Industrial Disputes (Punjab) Rules, 1958 framed under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

No Report could, however, be presented due to the dissolution of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

## 25. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The total number of meetings held by the Committee year-wise is given in the following :—

### STATEMENT

| Year | | Number of meeting(s) |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-1998 | .. | 2 |
| 1998-1999 | .. | 1 |
| 1999-2000 | .. | — |
| 2000-2001 | .. | — |
| 2001-2002 | .. | 1 |

(I) (i) The Committee for the year 1997-98 considered certain suggestions received from the Members/Ex-Members regarding the facilities being provided to them under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Act, 1977 and rules framed thereunder.

(ii) The Committee considered the suggestions with regard to purchase of a Deluxe bus for Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat and creating a post of Driver for the bus.

(iii) The Committee considered the suggestions received from the Members with regard to live telecast of the proceedings of the House.

(II) The Committee for the year 1998-99 considered certain suggestions received from the Members/Ex-Members regarding facilities being provided to them.

(III) The Committee for the year 1999-2000 did not hold any meeting.

(IV) The Committee for the year 2000-01 did not hold any meeting.

(V) The Committee for the year 2001-02 considered certain suggestions received from Members/Ex-Members regarding facilities being provided to them.

## 26. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee is nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker. It consists of nine members, one of whom is appointed as Chairman of the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The total number of sittings held year-wise is given as below :—

| 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 24 | 39 | 40 | 17 |

The Committee recommended the purchase of books costing about Rs. 69,663 in 1997-98, Rs. 39,548 in 1998-99, Rs. 47,162 in 1999-2000, Rs. 47,000 in 2000-2001 and Rs. 15,212 in 2001-2002. Besides, the Committee recommended for subscription of various newspapers, periodicals and magazines etc. The Committee also suggested various improvements in the working of the Library.

During the years 1997-98, 1998-99 the Committee held meetings at New Delhi, in 1999-2000 at Shimla, Kullu, Manikaran, Manali and Rohtangpass in 2000-2001 at Shimla, Shahpur Kandi, Ranjit Sagar Dam (Thein Dam) and at New Delhi to see the working of the Parliament Library.

In the years 2000-2001 and 2001-02, the Library Committee of Punjab Vidhan Sabha held meetings with the Library Committee of Karnataka, Haryana and Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha and exchanged views on matters of common interest.

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## 27. HOUSE COMMITTEE

During this period, the Committee considered various matters regarding comforts and convenience of Hon. Members, staying in MLAs' Hostels and MLAs' Flats at Chandigarh, amending rates of meals and eatables served in MLAs' Hostel Canteen, supply of lists to the supervisor by Hon. Members of their guests whom they want to provide meals in the canteen of MLAs' Hostel, provision/replacement of furniture/furnishing items in MLAs' Flats and dining hall of Hon. Members in MLA Hostel Canteen, alterations in kitchen & toilets of MLAs' Flats in Sectors 4 & 3,

installing Air-Conditioners in rooms of MLAs' Hostels, MLAs' Flats, in room & cabin of Hon. Deputy Speaker, Press Lounge and Guest Room of Hon. Speaker in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan, replacing 13 Desert Coolers and nine Geysers in MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4, fixing of coloured tiles in water tanks at the backside of MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4, replacing plugs, switches and wires in MLAs' flats, partition of toilets and bath rooms in rooms of MLAs' Hostels, constituting Sub-Committee for raising standard of meals in MLAs' Hostel Canteen, providing big thermoses in place of smaller ones in rooms of MLAs' Hostels, purchase of land for construction of new MLAs' Flats from Chandigarh Administration, providing blowers in place of heaters in rooms of MLAs' Hostel, provision of A.C. plant for Committee Rooms B & C, provision of GR pipe connection for Desert Coolers on the 2nd floor of Punjab Vidhan Bhawan, bringing the charge of fans and tubes in MLAs' Flats under one department, replacement of Curtains in Canteen of Punjab Vidhan Bhawan, installation of CCTV in Vidhan Bhawan, appointment of full time Director of Hospitality.

The Committee further considered the allotment of HIG Flats in Sector 39 to Hon. Members, improving working of MLAs' Hostel Canteen, cutting down rates of meals for Class IV employees in MLAs' Hostel Canteen, providing A.C. points in each room of MLAs' Hostels, making stand-by arrangement of electricity supply for proceedings of Punjab Vidhan Sabha and live telecast of proceedings, holding of Presiding Officers' Conference in 1999 at Chandigarh, providing free electricity water, cleanliness and telephone facilities in MLAs' Flats Sectors 3, 4 and 39 on the lines of MLAs' Hostels, regarding non-utilisation of rooms after booking in MLAs' Hostels, reservation of rooms for Hon. Members in Block-A of Punjab Bhawan, New Delhi, upgrading dispensary of MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4, Chandigarh.

The Committee also discussed matters such as prohibition of liquor use in Hostel rooms, fixing of glass and glazing in verandahs of MLAs' Flats, handing over the work of maintenance of MLAs' Flats in Sectors 3, 4 and 39 to one S.D.E. increasing rent of MLAs' Hostel rooms w.e.f. 1st September, 2000, fixing of white marble in bathrooms of Punjab Vidhan Sabha, provisions of more water tanks and repair of electrical items in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, provision of one small T.V. in each room of MLAs' Hostels, printing of menu in MLAs' Hostel Canteen on the pattern of Punjab Bhawan, New Delhi, installation of X-Ray Machine and Physiotherapy Unit in the dispensary of MLAs' Hostel,

PBX facility in MLAs' Flats, appointment of full-time work Inspector at Maintenance Booth, Sector 4, inclusion of water and electricity charges of MLAs' Flats in the Licence Fee of MLAs' Flats on the pattern of MLAs' Hostel, providing and installing 10 Nos. Desert Coolers seven in place of Unserviceable ones and three new ones) in MLAs' Flats/Hostels, providing/installing of two storage type water coolers of 150 litre capacity (one in basement near Pension Branch and outside Speaker's Gate), increasing electricity load for A.Cs. to be provided in rooms of MLAs' Hostels, installation of A.Cs. in rooms of Chairmen of Committees in Punjab Vidhan Sabha, allotment of funds for the additional work relating to MLAs' Hostels and Vidhan Sabha, executed by Punjab P.W.D. (B&R) in connection with Presiding Officers' Conference held at Vidhan Bhawan during June/July, 2001, release of additonal Power load for installation of Air-Conditioners in MLAs' Hostels/Flats and payment of electricity bills of Air-Conditioners.

The Committee took up matters pertaining to HIG Flats in Sector 39 i.e. providing Air Conditioners/Desert Coolers, Geysers, Electric fans, furniture, and furnishing items in 26 flats.

The Committee paid special attention to the cleanliness of MLAs' Hostels/Flats and MLAs' Hostel Canteen by getting these white washed/ distempered etc. at frequent intervals and also geeting its surroundings cleaned. Mowing of lawns and trimming of grass were regularly got done in the areas falling in the MLAs' Hostels and MLAs' Flats. Ornamental flowers plants were got planted in the lawns of MLAs' Hostel. Obsolete and unserviceable items of furniture and other articles etc. provided in the Flats/Hostels and in Ministers' rooms/Committee rooms in Vidhan Bhawan were got replaced/repaired by Punjab P.W.D. authorities. The road from Petrol Pump, Sector 4 to MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4 was got carpetted. Bathrooms in rooms of MLAs' Hostel, Sector 4 were got renovated. Wire gauge shutters in room Nos. 41 to 56 in MLAs' Hostel, Sector-3 (top floor) were got provided by U.T. Cleanliness work was got transferred from U.T. to Punjab Public Health. Five new Water Coolers in place of five old unserviceable Coolers were got installed in MLAs' Hostel, got installed 36 spilt type Air-Conditioners in rooms of Ministers and 13 Desert Coolers in various branches in Punjab Vidhan Bhawan.

During this period, the Committee visited Shimla (H.P.) and Haridwar (Uttaranchal Pradesh).

The number of meetings held by the House Committee is given below yearwise :—

| Year | | No. of Meetings |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | .. | 5 |
| 1998-99 | .. | 11 |
| 1999-2000 | .. | 4 |
| 2000-2001 | .. | 5 |
| 2001-2002 | .. | 14 |

The strength of House Committee is given below :—

| Year | | No. of Members |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | .. | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 1998-99 | .. | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 1999-2000 | .. | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 2000-2001 | .. | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 2001-2002 | .. | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |

## 28. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

(i) The Committee for the year 1997-98 considered by representations received from different quarters and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee met its counterparts of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and discussed the matters of mutual interest.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited Shimla, New Delhi and Ludhiana.

(ii) The Committee for the year 1998-99 considered the representations received from different quarters and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited New Delhi, Shimla, Gurudwara Reethan Sahib (U.P.) Nainital, Tanakpur (U.P.), Kullu, Manikaran, Manali, Rishikesh, Gobind Ghat (U.P.) and Gobind Dham (U.P.)

(iii) The Committee for the year 1999-2000 considered the representations received from different quarters and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited New Delhi and Shimla.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2000-2001 discussed the scope and functions of the Committee.

The Committee considered various representations received from different quarters and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited Shimla, New Delhi, Ferozepur and Dharamkot (Moga).

(v) The Committee considered various representations received from different quarters and sent the same to the concerned departments for taking appropriate action.

The Committee did not present any report.

The Committee visited New Delhi, Agra, Amritsar, Bathinda and Nangal.

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## 29. COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

**(I) 1997-98 :**

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 1997-98 decided to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following departments/Public Undertakings :—

(1) Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads).

(2) Revenue Department.

(3) Punjab School Education Board.

(4) Education Department.

(5) Police Department.

(6) Health Department.

(7) Punjab State Electricity Board.

(8) Punjab Small Scale Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.

(9) Higher Education Department.

The Committee scrutinized the material supplied by the Public Works Department and Punjab Small Scale Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.

The Committee presented its 21st Report to the House on 26th March, 1998 (Morning Sitting) in respect of Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads).

The Committee held 44 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 5th, 6th August, 1997, 20th, 21st and 22nd October, 1997 and 5th, 6th and 7th March, 1998 at New Delhi, 28th, 29th and 30th September, 1997 at Shimla, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th November, 1997 at Lucknow (U.P.), 20th and 21st March, 1998 at Shahpur Kandi (Gurdaspur) and 30th and 31st March, 1998 at Ludhiana.

**(II) 1998-99 :**

The Committee for the year 1998-99 decided to examine the representation of the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following departments/Public Undertakings :—

(1) Industry Department

(2) Tourism Department

(3) Pension and Pensioners Welfare Department.

(4) Labour and Employment Department.

(5) Punjab Civil Supplies Corporation (PUNSUP).

(6) Punjab Ex-servicemen Corporation Ltd.

(7) Punjab State Tubwell Corporation Ltd.

(8) Punjab Small Scale Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.

(9) Punjab Scheduled Castes, Land Development and Finance Corporation.

The Committee scrutinized the material supplied by the Punjab Small Scale Industries and Export Corporation Ltd. and presented its 22nd report to the House on 22nd December, 1998. The Committee also Scrutinized the material supplied by the Punjab State Tubewell Corporation and presented its 23rd report to the House on 18th March, 1999.

The Committee held 46 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 14th, 15th May, 1998, and 23rd and 24th August, 1998, 28th, 29th and 30th September, 1999, 8th and 9th January, 1999 at New Delhi, 14th and 15th August, 1998 and 13th and 14th October, 1998 at Shimla.

The Committee held its meetings on 24th April, 1998 at Nangal, 6th and 7th May, 1998 at Patiala, 8th and 9th June at Jalandhar, 11th August at Ferozepur, 25th August at Bhatinda, 26th August at Sangrur, 5th September, 1998 at Fatehgarh Sahib and 22nd and 23rd October at Kapurthala.

**(III) 1999-2000 :**

The Committee for the year 1999-2000 selected the following Departments/Public Undertakings to examine the representation of Schedule Castes and Backward Classes in services and Posts :—

(1) Animal Husbandry Department.

(2) Revenue Department.

(3) Co-operation Department.

(4) Local Govt. Department.

(5) Prosecution and Litigation Department.

(6) Punjab Financial Corporation

(7) Punjab State Electronics Development and Production Corporation Ltd.

(8) Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation.

(9) Punjab Women and Children Development and Welfare Corporation

(10) Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

(11) Punjab School Education Board.

The Committee scrutinized the statements replies/giving details of action taken by the Government on the recommendations observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented the following Reports to the House :—

(1) 24th Report in respect of Prosecution and Litigation Department and Co-operation Department on 15th March, 2000.

(2) 25th Report in respect of Punjab School Education Board on 28th March, 2000.

(3) 26th Report in respect of Punjab Financial Corporation on 28th March, 2000.

The Committee held 40 meetings.

The Committee held its following meetings out of Chandigarh :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 27th, 28th, 29th September, 1999,<br>9th, 10th December, 1999 | .. | Delhi |
| 27th, 28th, 29th February, 2000,<br>7th, 8th, 9th July, 1999 | .. | Shimla |
| 15th, 16th June, 1999,<br>3rd, 4th, December, 1999 | .. | Amritsar |
| 8th, 9th June, 1999 | .. | Nangal |

**(IV) 2000-2001 :**

The Committee for the year 2000-2001 selected following Departments/Public Undertaking to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in service and posts :—

(1) Animal Husbandry

(2) Revenue Department

(3) Local Govt. Department

(4) Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation (PUNSUP)

(5) Mandi Board (Punjab State Agriculture and Marketing Board)

(6) Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board

The Committee scrutinized the material supplied by the Animal Husbandry Department and Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation.

The Committee presented by following Reports to the House :—

(i) 27th Report in respect of Animal Husbandry on 15th March, 2001.

(ii) 28th Report in respect of Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation on 22nd March, 2001.

The Committee held 38 meetings.

The Committee held its meeting 8th, 9th, 10th May, 2000, 30th and 31st August, 2000. 17th and 18th October, 2000 and 13th and 14th December, 2000 at New Delhi, 21st and 22nd June, 2000 at Shimla, 21st July, 2000 at Shahpur Kandi (Gurdaspur) and 22nd July, 2000 at Dalhousie.

**(V) 2001-2002 :**

The Committee for the year 2001-2002 selected the following Departments/Public Undertakings to examine the representation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and Posts :—

(1) Education Department (Secondary)

(2) Tourism Department

(3) Milk Federation

(4) Warehousing Corporation

The Committee scrutinized the statements/replies giving the details of the action taken by Government on the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee held 25 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings 12th and 13th July, 2001 and 4th December, 2001 at New Delhi and 7th and 8th August, 2001 at Shimla.

Elections for the 12th Punjab Vidhan Sabha were announced by the Election Commission of India—*vide* Notification dated 16th January, 2002. The Committee could not prepare/present its Report.

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**30. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID**

The work done by Committee during the period under review is mentioned below yearwise :—

**1997-98**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Report and Accounts of the following Corporations/ Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :—

(i) Punjab School Education Board ;

(ii) Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited ;

(iii) Punjab State Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Limited ;

(iv) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its Ninth Report to the House on 27th March, 1998.

**1998-99**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of the Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

(i) Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited.

(ii) Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation Limited.

(iii) Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited.

(iv) Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Shahpur Kandi, Dalhousie, Agra and Fatehpur Sikkri also.

The Committee presented its 10th Report to the House on 19th March, 1999.

**1999-2000**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

(i) Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

(ii) Punjab State Leather Development Corporation Limited.

(iii) Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Limited.

(iv) Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited.

(v) Punjab State Health System Corporation.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 11th Report to the House on 29th March, 2000.

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

(i) Punjab Dairy Development Corporation Limited.

(ii) Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

(iii) Punjab Pollution Control Board.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 12th Report to the House on 22nd March, 2001.

**2001-2002**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Boards on the Table of the House :—

(i) Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

(ii) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

(iii) Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation.

(iv) Punjab Tourism Development Corporation Limited.

(v) Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Limited.

(vi) Punjab Police Housing Corporation Limited.

(vii) Goindwal Industrial and Investment Corporation Ltd.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi and in Rajasthan also.

No report could, however, be presented for the said year due to dissolution of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

## 31. SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUNJAB MUNICIPAL BILL, 1998

A Select Committee had been constituted during the period under review and the Punjab Municipal Bill, 1998 was referred to it on 22nd December, 1998. The Committee presented its report to the House on 27th March, 2000 in the Afternoon Sitting.

## 32. COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS MADE BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT (FROM 1999 TO 2001)

In pursuance of the decision taken by the House at its sitting held on the 11th March, 1999 (Morning Sitting), a seven Member Committee of the House, was nominated by Hon'ble Speaker on 27th April, 1999 to enquire into the recruitment of teachers made by the previous Government. During its term from 27th April, 1999 to 31st December, 2001, the Committee held 18 meetings under the Chairmanship of Jathedar Tota Singh, Minister for Higher and Primary Education, Punjab. The Committee presented its report to the House in two parts i.e. first part was presented on 27th March, 2001 and the second part was presented on 22nd August, 2001.

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## 33. COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE CONSTITUTED ON THE EXPENDITURE ON DESILTING/DIGGING OF DRAINS IN MANSA DISTRICT

In pursuance of a ruling by the Chair (on a demand raised in the House during supplementaries on a Starred Question No. 2154 on 7th September, 2000), a Five Member Committee was constituted to look into the alleged irregularities/misappropriation of funds in connection with the expenditure incurred on Desilting/Digging of Drains in Mansa District. The Committee was nominated by the Speaker on 30th October, 2000 and with the nomination of two more members on 10th November, 2000 it was made a Seven Member Committee. The Committee was to submit its report during the Budget Session, 2001, but on the request made by the Committee, Hon. Speaker first extended the term of the Committee for four months ,—*vide* his order dated 19th March, 2001 and further extended it for a period of three months from 19th July, 2001,—*vide* his order dated 13th July, 2001.

During preliminary discussion on the scope and functions, the Committee decided to investigate the genuineness of expenditure during

the period January, 1997 to 31st August, 2000 on newly dug drains or those which were desilted during the period under review.

The Committee held 23 meetings in all and also orally examined the representatives of the Department of Irrigation and Corporation. It also conducted on-the spot study, to see whether the drains were dug/desilted in reality.

The Committee conducted in-depth study of the material supplied to it, compared it with the information supplied by the Department in the reply to the Starred Question, and presented its Report containing its conclusions and recommendations, to the Hon. Speaker on 16th October, 2001.

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## 34. RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave rulings on or made observations in regard to various matters. The important rulings/observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 35. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various Points of Order, reference may be made to Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 36. APPENDIX-I

List of Bills passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, during the period under review. (For reference, please see item "1. Official Bills" under heading "Legislation" at page 4 ante).

### First Session 1997

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1997.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1997

### Second (Budget) Session 1997

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1997.
2. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
3. The Punjab Land Revenue (Abolition) Bill, 1997.

### Third (Winter) Session 1997

1. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
2. The Punjab State Election Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
3. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
4. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
5. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
6. The Punjab Lokpal (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
7. The Punjab Prevention of Defacement of Property Bill, 1997.
8. The Punjab Special Recruitment of Teachers Bill, 1997.
9. The Punjab Religious Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Bill, 1997.

### Fourth Session 1998

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1998.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 1998.
3. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
4. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
5. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1998.

6. The Punjab Mechanical Vehicles (Bridges and Roads Tolls) Bill, 1998.

**Fifth (Budget) Session 1998**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1998.
2. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
3. The Punjab State Election Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
4. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
5. The Punjab Roads and Bridges Development Board Bill, 1998.
6. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
7. The Punjab Education Development Bill, 1998.
8. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1998.
9. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
10. The Baba Farid University of Health Sciences Bill, 1998.
11. The Punjab State Legislatures Officers, Ministers and Members Salaries, Allowances and Facilities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1998.

**Sixth Session 1998**

1. The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) Repeal Bill, 1998.
2. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1998.
3. The Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
4. The Punjab Infrastructure Development Bill, 1998.

**Seventh Session 1999**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1999.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1999.
3. The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1999.
4. The Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service of Employees) (Amendment) Bill, 1999.

**Eighth Session 1999**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1999.
2. The Punjab Recruitment of Teachers Bill, 1999.
3. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1999.

4. The Punjab Entertainment Duty (Amendment) Bill, 1999.
5. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999.
6. The Punjab Municipal Bill, 1999.

**Ninth Session 2000**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2000.
2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2000.
3. The Punjab Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
4. The Punjab Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
5. The Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2000.
6. The Punjab Entertainment Duty (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2000.
7. The Punjab Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Area Bill, 2000.
8. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
9. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
10. The Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
11. The Punjab School Education Board (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
12. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2000.
13. The East Punjab Minister's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
14. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
15. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2000.
16. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2000.
17. The Punjab Social Security Bill, 2000.
18. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2000.

**Tenth Session 2000**

1. The Punjab Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2000.
2. The Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) (Amendment) Bill, 2000.

3. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2000.

4. The Punjab Dairy Development Board Bill, 2000.

**Eleventh Session 2001**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2001.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2002.

3. The Punjab State Commission for Women Bill, 2001.

4. The Punjab Women and Children Development and Welfare Corporation (Repeal) Bill, 2001.

5. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2001.

6. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

7. The Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

8. The Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

9. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

10. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

**Twelfth Session 2001**

1. The Punjab New Mandi Township (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

2. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

3. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

4. The Punjab Recruitment of Multipurpose Health Workers (Female) Bill, 2001.

**Thirteenth Session 2001**

1. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

2. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

3. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2001

4. The Punjab Advocates Welfare Fund Bill, 2001.

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# APPENDIX-II

(For Reference please *see* "Resolution" Non-Official at page 11 ante)

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Celebration of year 1999 as the year of Human Spirit at International level | Whereas in the year 1699. a divine and unique event occurred in the history of the world when Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji spread a message of 'Oneness of the mankind by creating "KHALSA" on the holy land of Sri Anandpur Sahib by administering the nectar for immortality, "The Amrit", and Whereas the 300th Anniversary of this great event falls in the year 1999. Therefore, this House recommends to the Government of India to take steps to approach the U.N.O. to declare the year 1999 as the "Year of Human Spirit" and celebrate it in a collective manner inter-religiously to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of this great event in order to spread his message of "Oneness of mankind" throughout the World. | 6th March, 1997 | Carried unanimously |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | Checking the menace of stray cattle | This House recommends to the State Government to take steps to make special arrangements to check the menace of stray cattle causing road accidents and damage to crops. | 6th March, 1997 | Talked out |
| 3. | Waiving the entire loan of Rs. 8400 crore given to the State | This House recommends to the State Government to-approach the Union Government to waive the entire loan amounting to rupees 8400 crores given to the State in recent years to combat militancy and face the proxy war from across the border which was a national problem since it is not possible for the State to repay this huge loan. | 20th March, 1997 | Carried unanimously |
| 4. | Amendment to the Haryana & Punjab Agriculture Universities Act, 1970 | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government to take immediate steps to suitably amend the Haryana and Punjab Agricultural Universities, Act, 1970 (Central Act 16 of 1970) with a view to provide adequate representation to the teaching community in the Governing Bodies of the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. | 20th March, 1997 | Talked out |

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| 5. | Formulation of Housing Schemes. | This House recommends to the State Government to formulate such Housing Schemes under which the houses be constructed and allotted to the economically weaker sections of society in urban as well as in the rural areas of the State. | 12th June, 1997 | Talked out |
| 6. | Enactment of legislation to formulate unified syllabus and fee-structure in the private schools | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate steps to enact suitable legislation to enforce unified syllabus and fee-structure in the private schools running in the State. | 19th June, 1997 | Talked out |
| 7. | Setting up special courts for the trial of cases of atrocities on women | This House recommends to the State Government to take suitable steps to enact legislation to set up Special Courts for the trial of cases of atrocities on women in the State. | 26th March, 1998 (Morning Sitting) | Talked out |
| 8. | Enactment of legislation regarding road accidents | This House recommends to the State Government to enact legislation for protection of those persons from undue harassment who render timely help to the victims of road accidents by bringing them to hospitals for providing them immediate medical aid. | 25th June, 1998 | Talked out |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9. | Setting up a State Administrative Tribunal. | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate steps to set up a State Adminstrative Tribunal in order to expedite the service cases of the State Government employees. | 2nd July, 1998 | Talked out |
| 10. | Construction of Shaheed-e-Azam S. Bhagat Singh Bhavans at Block level. | This House recommends to the State Government to evolve a scheme for the construction of Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh Bhavans at Block level in the State and provide special funds for the purpose. | 11th March, 1999 | Talked out |
| 11. | Review of Welfare schemes for SCs and BCs and their effective implementation. | This House recommends to the State Government to review its current welfare schemes for upliftment of S.Cs and B.Cs in the State and take steps for effective implementation of such schemes. | 18th March, 1999 | Talked out |
| 12. | Steps to control population in the State. | This House strongly recommends to the State Government to enact legislation for taking effective steps to control population in the State of Punjab. | 9th March, 2000 | Talked out |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13. | Setting up Sri Guru Gobind Singh Chair in one of the Universities in the State | This House recommends to the State Government to take steps for setting up Sri Guru Gobind Singh Chair in one of the Universities in the State on the occasion of Tercentenary of the Birth of Khalsa so as to make the world aware of the historical achievements made by Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji for the universal benefit of humanity, human dignity and freedom of the mankind through the principles of Sikh Religion. | 16th March, 2000 | Talked out |
| 14. | Providing free electricity to the persons belonging to the SCs, BCs and other poor classes | This House recommends to the State Government to take steps for providing free electricity to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and other poor classes in all the areas of the State, on the analogy of its scheme for providing free electricity to the farmers in the rural areas of the State. | 30th March, 2000 (Afternoon Sitting) | Talked out |
| 15. | Presentation of Sri Anandpur Sahib Resolution to the Constitution Review panel | This House strongly recommends to the State Government that the policy programme drafted by Shiromani Akali Dal at Sri Anandpur Sahib in 1973 with a view to establish a true federal polity in India, which was later adopted by Shiromani Akali Dal at its conference held at Ludhiana in 1978, be presented to the Constitution Review Panel constituted by the Government of India. | 7th September, 2000 | Talked out |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | Condemnation of killings of Punjabis especially Sikhs in 1984 ·iots | This House unanimously resolves to condemn the senseless killings of Punjabis especially the Sikhs in Delhi and other parts of the country in 1984 riots engineered by politically motivated people with the intention of deriving political mileage. This House strongly recommends to the Governments to take immediate steps to approach the Central Government and the concerned State Governments to bring those rioters who have so far escaped the clutches of law, to book and ensure the severest possible punishment to them so that the communal fabric of the country is maintained.<br>The following amended form was carred unanimously :—<br>This house unanimously resolves to condemn the senseless killings of Punjabis especially the Sikhs in Delhi and other parts of the country in 1984 riots engineered by politically motivated people with the intention of deriving political mileage. This House strongly recommends to the Government to take immediate steps to approach the Central Government and the concerned State Governments to bring those rioters who have so far escaped the clutches of law, to book and ensure the severest possible punishment to them so that the communal fabric of the country is maintained. | 15th March, 2001 | Carried unanimously |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17. | Condemnation of Operation Bluestar in 1984 | This House unanimously resolves to condmn the senseless act of Operation Bluestar undertaken at Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar in June, 1984 where in the innocent devotees were martyred, in the Holy precincts of Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar-the Holiest in the holy and religious places in the world and building of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib was devastated, which had a long and crushing effect on the psyche of the humanity as a whole. This House strongly recommends to the State Government to convey the feelings of this House to the Central Government.<br>The following amended form was carried unanimously :—<br>This House unanimously resolves to condemn the senseless act of Operation Bluestar undertaken at Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar in June, 1984 where in the innocent devotees were martyred, in the Holy precincts of Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar-the Holiest in the Holy and Religious places in the world and building of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib was devastated, which had a long and crushing effect on the psyche of the humanity as a whole. This House strongly recommends to the State Government to convey the feelings of this House to the Central Government. | 22nd March, 2001 | Carried unanimously |

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## REVIEW
## OF
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## TWELFTH
## PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA
## During the Years 2002-2007
## (21-3-2002 to 27-2-2007)



PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA SECRETARIAT,
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2007

# PREFACE

The following pages contain the factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Twelfth Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 21st March, 2002 to 27th February, 2007. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication, reviewing the work done by the Twelfth Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

Chandigarh :
The 19th September, 2007

**MADAN MOHAN,**
SECRETARY.

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# 1. THE ASSEMBLY – ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The Twelfth Vidhan Sabha consisted of 117 Members elected from 117 Constituencies. It met for the first time on the 21st March, 2002.

During the period under review i.e. from 21st March, 2002 to 27th February, 2007, three seats were rendered vacant due to election of Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, Rana Gurjeet Singh and Sardar Rattan Singh Ajnala, MLAs as Members of Parliament representing Garhshankar, Kapurthala and Ajnala, Constituencies respectively and Shri Luv Kumar Goldy, Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur and Sardar Harpartap Singh Ajnala were elected in the by-elections from the above Constituencies.

Under Article 180(1) of the Constitution of India, the Governor appointed Dr. Kewal Krishan, a Member of the Twelfth Vidhan Sabha, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker (Speaker Pro tem) till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178 vide his order dated the 4th March, 2002. Subsequently, Dr. Kewal Krishan was elected as Speaker on the 22nd March, 2002.

Prof. Darbari Lal, another Member of the Twelfth Vidhan Sabha, was elected as Deputy Speaker on the 26th June, 2002.

Prof. Darbari Lal, Deputy Speaker, resigned from the office of the Deputy Speaker on 10th March, 2003 on his being inducted as Minister of State and in his place Sardar Bir Devinder Singh was elected as Deputy Speaker on 27th March, 2003.

Sardar Bir Devinder Singh, Deputy Speaker, resigned from the office of the Deputy Speaker on 9th July, 2004 and in his place Prof. Darbari Lal was elected as Deputy Speaker on 12th July, 2004.

During the period under review, the Vidhan Sabha held in all 81 sittings spread over in twelve Sessions, as follows:-

| Year | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | 3rd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2002 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 16 |
| 2003 | 12 | 2 | - | 14 |
| 2004 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 16 |
| 2005 | 14 | 4 | - | 18 |
| 2006 | 14 | 3 | - | 17 |
| | | | Total | 81 |

These 81 sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed Members of the Twelfth Vidhan Sabha during the period under review.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhawan, Chandigarh.

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## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESS

There were 5 Special Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha beginning with the First Session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 2002. Each of these Addresses was discussed on the Motion of Thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion and the number of amendments moved on each occasion are given below:-

| Year | Period of Discussion | No. of amendments moved |
|---|---|---|
| 2002 | 3 days | 4 |
| 2003 | 3 days | 7 |
| 2004 | 3 days | 4 |
| 2005 | 3 days | 13 |
| 2006 | 4 days | 6 |

All the amendments moved by the Members of the Opposition were lost.

The Motions of Thanks were carried in the form in which these were moved.

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## 3. LEGISLATION

### I. OFFICIAL BILLS

The Twelfth Vidhan Sabha passed 116 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows:-

| Year | No. of Bills |
|---|---|
| 2002 | 7 |
| 2003 | 27 |
| 2004 | 25 |
| 2005 | 24 |
| 2006 | 33 |
| Total | 116 |

The number of New Bills was 22, of Amending Bills 80 and of Appropriation Bills 14.

The New Bills and the Amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in Appendix-I. For synopsis of these Bills, references may be made to the Resume of the concerned Sessions.

The Appropriation Bill dealt with the Appropriation of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, the figures being Rs. 47,64,15,26,000/- for the year 2001-02 (Supplementary Demands), Rs. 59,29,69,28,000/- (Vote-on-Account) for three months viz. April, May and June, 2002; Rs. 2,83,40,79,64,000/- for the year 2002-03 (Budget Estimates), Rs. 7,48,35,96,000/- for the year 2002-03 (Supplementary Demands); Rs. 2,93,53,93,18,000/- for the year 2003-04 (Budget Estimates),

Rs. 6,23,58,86,000/- for the year 2003-04 (Supplementary Demands, 1st Instalment), Rs. 14,75,67,13,000/- for the year 2003-04 (Supplementary Demands, 2nd Instalment), Rs. 2,55,80,08,159/- for the year 1996-97, Rs. 3,12,98,13,676/- for the year 1997-98, Rs. 2,42,80,20,464/- for the year 1998-99 and Rs. 86,10,30,500/- for the year 1999-2000 (Excess Demands), Rs. 67,83,67,04,000/- (Vote-on-Account) for three months viz. April, May and June, 2004, Rs. 3,03,48,06,82,000/- for the year 2004-05 (Budget Estimates), Rs. 4,83,70,16,000/- for the year 2004-05 (Supplementary Demands); Rs. 2,75,52,19,91,000/- for the year 2005-06 (Budget Estimates), Rs. 14,48,69,14,000/- for 2005-06 (Supplementary Demands) and Rs. 2,59,67,98,88,000/- for 2006-07 (Budget Estimates).

The total number of amendments received in respect of the said Bills except the Appropriation Bills was 6 (3 from the Treasury Benches and 3 from the Opposition Benches).

**II. NON-OFFICIAL BILLS**

NIL.

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## 4. QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions of the Twelfth Punjab Vidhan Sabha (2002-2007) :-

**STARRED QUESTIONS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total No. of Notices of Starred Questions received | : | 2915 |
| 2. | Total No. of Notices of Starred Questions admitted | : | 1894 |
| 3. | Total No. of Starred Questions answered orally | : | 829 |
| 4. | Total No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule-38 | : | 121 |
| 5. | Total No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | : | 303 |

6. Total No. of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the notice period, etc. : 510

**UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total No. of Notices of Unstarred Questions received | : | 355 |
| 2. | Total No. of Notices of Unstarred Questions admitted | : | 242 |
| 3. | Total No. of Unstarred Questions answered | : | 142 |
| 4. | Total No. of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the notice period, etc. | : | 42 |

**SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total No. of Short Notice Questions received | : | 13** |
| 2. | Total No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | : | - |
| 3. | Total No. of Short Notice Questions answered | : | - |

** 4 Short Notice Questions converted as Starred Questions. 1 Short Notice Question admitted as U.S.Q. 8 Short Notice Questions were disallowed/R-Back.

The year-wise breakup of Questions may be seen in the following Table.

## TABLE

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supple-mentaries | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule-38 | No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | No. of Unstarred Questions given notice of | No. of Unstarred Questions admitted | No. of Unstarred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 2002 | 371 | 254 | 120 | 301 | 17 | 10 | 96 | 54 | 39 | 2 | - | - |
| 2003 | 647 | 419 | 170 | 401 | 10 | 32 | 62 | 45 | 36 | 4 | - | - |
| 2004 | 458 | 358 | 136 | 368 | 11 | 61 | 42 | 31 | 26 | - | - | - |
| 2005 | 842 | 485 | 190 | 575 | 45 | 142 | 83 | 62 | - | 4 | - | - |
| 2006 | 597 | 378 | 213 | 633 | 38 | 58 | 72 | 50 | 41 | 3 | - | - |

# RESOLUTIONS

## I. Official

Sixteen Official Resolutions were discussed and carried during the period under review. The subject matter of each and the date of discussion and its being carried are given below:-

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2002-03 | 25.3.2002 |
| 2. | Resolution under Section 65(3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding enhancement of borrowing limit of Punjab State Electricity Board from Rs. 5000 Crores to Rs. 6000 Crores. | 25.3.2002 |
| 3. | Resolution regarding disapproval of distribution of Government money through Sangat Darshan. | 26.6.2002 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 4. | Resolution regarding withdrawal of resolution in respect of condemnation of the utterances of the President of All India Congress Party labelling Hon'ble Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India as a traitor which was adopted by 11th Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 26.3.2001. | 26.6.2002 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 5. | Resolution regarding delayed announcement of the minimum support price for Paddy and the date of commencement of procurement season by the Government of India. | 11.10.2002 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 6. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2003-04 | 29.3.2003 |
| 7. | Resolution regarding urging upon the Government of India to provide the same special package of incentives to the Industrial Units of the State of Punjab that has been provided to the States of Uttaranchal and Himchal Pradesh. | 1.4.2003 |
| 8. | Resolution regarding steps to be taken to safeguard the interests of the State as well as farmers in regard to the water of Ravi-Beas rivers in the State of Punjab. | 1.4.2003 |
| 9. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2004-05. | 16.3.2004 |
| 10. | Resolution regarding taking of all possible administrative and legal measures to safeguard the State's interests keeping in view the internationally accepted principles of riparian rights and protect it from the damage likely to be caused as a result of the recent order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Ravi-Beas waters. | 15.6.2004 |
| 11. | Resolution regarding comprehensive and uniform legislation for the maintenance of clinical record in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Dispensaries and Consulting Rooms as well as for Medical Audit in a particular | 24.6.2004 (Afternoon Sitting) |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| | form to check up unethical practice and irregularities and shortcomings in diagnostic procedure in these institutions should be regulated in the State of Punjab by Parliament by law. | |
| 12. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2005-06. | 28.3.2005 |
| 13. | Resolution regarding not to disturb at any cost the hard earned peace of the State by the nefarious designs of forces which are inimical to peace, progress and prosperity of the State of Punjab. | 10.3.2006 |
| 14. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2006-07. | 16.3.2006 |
| 15. | Resolution under section 65(3) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 regarding enhancement of borrowing limit of Punjab State Electricity Board from Rs. 6000 Crores to Rs. 8000 Crores. | 19.9.2006 |
| 16. | Resolution regarding Punjab Lokpal Act, 1996. | 19.9.2006 |
| **II.** | **NON-OFFICIAL** | |
| | Total number of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions received : | 782 |
| | Total number of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions admitted : | 523 |
| | Total number of Non-Official Resolutions discussed : | 16 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions carried/Passed : | 6 |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions withdrawn : | - |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions lost : | - |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions on which no decision was taken but lapsed : | 507 |

**The yearwise receipt of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions is as follows :-**

| Year | | Number of Notices of Non-official Resolutions received |
|---|---|---|
| 2002 | - | 53 |
| 2003 | - | 246 |
| 2004 | - | 52 |
| 2005 | - | 169 |
| 2006 | - | 262 |

**The yearwise number of Non-Official Resolutions discussed is as follows :-**

| Year | | Number of Non-official Resolutions discussed |
|---|---|---|
| 2002 | - | 3 |
| 2003 | - | 2 |
| 2004 | - | 3 |
| 2005 | - | 3 |
| 2006 | - | 5 |

The subject matter of each Non-Official Resolution which was discussed as well as information about what happened to it, is given in Appendix-II with appropriate remarks.

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## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Total number of Notices of Adjournment Motions received during the period under review was 12 (1 in 2002; 2 in 2003; 3 in 2004; 4 in 2005 and 2 in 2006).

All these motions were mentioned in the House and discussed / disallowed.

## 7. CALL ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was drawn to as many as 79 matters relating to different subjects through Call Attention Notices under Rule 66. Session-wise break-up of these Call Attention Notices is as under :-

| Sr. No. | Session | No. of Call Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1st Session, 2002 | 1 |
| 2. | 2nd Session, 2002 | 19 |
| 3. | 3rd Session, 2002 | - |
| 4. | 4th Session, 2003 | 12 |
| 5. | 5th Session, 2003 | - |
| 6. | 6th Session, 2004 | 1 |
| 7. | 7th Session, 2004 | 5 |
| 8. | 8th Session, 2004 | - |
| 9. | 9th Session, 2005 | 15 |
| 10. | 10th Session, 2005 | 8 |
| 11. | 11th Session, 2006 | 16 |
| 12. | 12th Session, 2006 | 2 |
| | **Total** | **79** |

Note : For detail, reference may be made to the Resume of the concerned Session.

## 8. DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS UNDER RULE 77

In all five Notices of Motion under Rule 77 (two in 2002; one in 2003 and two in 2006) were received. Out of those, only four were admitted as per details given below:-

| Sr. No. | Subject | Motion received on | Date on which discussed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Discussion on the situation arising out of the conflicts during the elections to the Municipal Corporations, Zila Parishads and Panchayat Samitis, held in the State. | 17.6.2002 | 20.6.2002 |
| 2. | Situation arising out of the thrashing of and causing injuries to the Akali / BJP Councillors during the recent elections of the Nagar Panchayats / Municipal Councils / Parishads in the State. | 26.3.2003 | 29.3.2003 |
| 3. | The volatile situation arising out of the possible dreadful outcomes of the rehabilitation of Sukhwinder Singh Sukhi, a terrorist of Khalistan Liberation Force and such other 300 terrorists in the State by changing their names in connivance with the State Government and the Police Chief. | 22.2.2006 | 24.2.2006 |
| 4. | Regarding developmental activities undertaken by the Government in the State. | 15.9.2006 | 19.9.2006 |

## 9. HALF-AN-HOUR DISCUSSION UNDER RULE 50

| Sr. No. | Member(s) giving Notice | Date of Notice | Discussed on | Subject matter |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal | 17.6.2004 | 18.6.2004 | For elucidation of reply given to Starred Question No. 832 listed for 17th June, 2004 regarding 'Value of shares of Punjab Tractors Limited.' |

## 10. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of five Notices seeking to raise Questions of Privilege in the House (one in 2002; two in 2003; and two in 2006) were received. Out of these five Notices, three were disposed of in the House, one was referred to the Committee of Privileges during the period under review and on the remaining one Notice, the Speaker did not give his consent to the Question of Privilege being raised.

## 11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :-

| Year | Amount (in Rupees) |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 3,42,70,48,92,000/- |
| 2003-04 | 2,93,53,93,18,000/- |
| 2004-05 | 3,71,31,73,86,000/- |
| 2005-06 | 2,75,52,19,91,000/- |
| 2006-07 | 2,59,67,98,88,000/- |

## Excess Demands over Grants and Appropriations

Excess Demands over Grants for the years given below and the Demands for the amounts shown against each year were carried on the dates given in the table below :-

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Discussed and Carried on |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1996-97 | Rs. 2,55,80,08,159/- | 16.3.2004 | 16.3.2004 |
| 1997-98 | Rs. 3,12,98,13,676/- | 16.3.2004 | 16.3.2004 |
| 1998-99 | Rs. 2,42,80,20,464/- | 16.3.2004 | 16.3.2004 |
| 1999-2000 | Rs. 86,10,30,500/- | 16.3.2004 | 16.3.2004 |

## Supplementary Estimates

Six Supplementary Estimates were presented to and voted by the Vidhan Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :-

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bills passed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | Rs. 47,64,15,26,000/- | 25.3.2002 | 25.3.2002 |
| 2002-03 | Rs. 7,48,35,96,000/- | 21.3.2003 | 21.3.2003 |
| 2003-04 | Rs. 6,23,58,86,000/- (1st Instalment) | 25.9.2003 | 25.9.2003 |
| 2003-04 | Rs. 14,75,67,13,000/- (2nd Intalment) | 16.3.2004 | 16.3.2004 |
| 2004-05 | Rs. 4,83,70,16,000/- | 21.3.2005 | 21.3.2005 |
| 2005-06 | Rs. 14,48,69,14,000/- | 6.3.2006 | 6.3.2006 |

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## 12. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister/Ministers made eight Statements on the floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions, the detail of which is as under :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Minister | ... | 7 |
| Minister for Public Works | ... | 1 |
| Total | ... | 8 |

In addition, 78 Statements were made in the House by the Chief Minister and various Ministers in reply to Call Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these Statements, a reference may be made to the Resume of the Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 13. STATEMENTS MADE IN REPLY TO MATTERS RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

The Chief Minister/Ministers made Statements in reply to various matters raised during Zero Hour on 1st March, 2006, 9th March, 2006 and 15th September, 2006, for which reference may be made to the Debates of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 14. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review was 673. The time taken thereon was 162 hours 4½ minutes in 12 Sessions with 81 sittings excluding the ones when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha. Out of these speeches, 179 were made by the Members of Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 154 by Ministers and 340 by other Opposition groups including Shiromani Akali Dal (S.A.D.), Bharatiya Janta Party (B.J.P.), Communist Party of India (C.P.I.) and Independents, the time taken in each

case being 43 hours 55½ minutes, 42 Hours 4½ minutes and 76 Hours 4½ minutes respectively.

The year-wise break-up of the above figures is given in the following Statement :-

# STATEMENT

| Year | Session | No. of Sittings | Number of Speeches made by: Treasury Benches | | Members of S.A.D. | Members of B.J.P. | Members of C.P.I. | Indepen-dents | Time taken by: Treasury Benches | | Members of S.A.D. | Members of B.J.P. | Members of C.P.I. | Indepen-dents |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Members excluding Ministers | Ministers | | | | | Members excluding Ministers | Ministers | | | | |
| 2002 | I | 4 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 00.04 | - | - |
| 2002 | II | 11 | 47 | 13 | 21 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 09.10 | 06.26 | 07.44 | 00.58 | 00.21 | 00.43 |
| 2002 | III | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | 00.50 | 01.29 | 01.45 | 00.28 | - | 00.22 |
| 2003 | IV | 12 | 33 | 27 | 45 | 15 | - | 4 | 08.58 | 06.28 | 11.42 | 01.52 | - | 01.29 |
| 2003 | V | 2 | - | 8 | 7 | 5 | - | 2 | - | 01.26 | 01.28 | 00.25 | - | 00.24 |
| 2004 | VI | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | - | - | 00.01 | 00.33 | 00.44 | 00.08 | - | - |
| 2004 | VII | 12 | 25 | 14 | 33 | 3 | - | 2 | 06.30 | 05.07 | 10.12 | 00.32 | - | 00.27 |
| 2004 | VIII | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 00.02 | 00.13 | 00.13 | 00.09 | - | 00.10 |
| 2005 | IX | 14 | 21 | 30 | 44 | 14 | - | 7 | 04.16½ | 09.01 | 11.56½ | 01.46 | - | 01.15 |
| 2005 | X | 4 | 6 | 19 | 22 | 7 | - | 2 | 01.23 | 03.30½ | 03.32½ | 00.43 | - | 00.12½ |
| 2006 | XI | 14 | 34 | 16 | 43 | 12 | - | 2 | 11.30 | 04.50 | 10.34 | 01.47 | - | 00.20 |
| 2006 | XII | 3 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | 01.15 | 03.01 | 00.48 | 00.17 | - | 00.33 |
| | | 81 | 179 | 154 | 230 | 76 | 5 | 29 | 43.55½ | 42.04½ | 60.39 | 09.09 | 00.21 | 05.55½ |

Note :-The figures in the above statement do not include the time taken by the Speaker on his Observations/Rulings, Adjournment Motions, Call Attention Notices, Privilege Motions, Points of Order, Motions in respect of Legislations, Personal Explanations, Congratulatory Speeches, Presentation of Reports and such Other Papers, etc..

## 15. WALKOUTS

In all, there were 26 Walkouts by individual Members/Members of different Groups during the period under review. The Table below gives the Session-wise figures :-

| Sr.No. | Session | No. of Walk-outs |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | First Session, 2002 | - |
| 2. | Budget (Second) Session, 2002 | 3 |
| 3. | Third Session, 2002 | 2 |
| 4. | Budget (Fourth) Session, 2003 | 7 |
| 5. | Fifth Session, 2003 | - |
| 6. | Sixth Session, 2004 | 1 |
| 7. | Seventh Session, 2004 | 4 |
| 8. | Winter (Eighth) Session, 2004 | 1 |
| 9. | Budget (Ninth) Session, 2005 | 3 |
| 10. | Tenth Session, 2005 | 3 |
| 11. | Budget (Eleventh) Session, 2006 | 2 |
| 12. | Twelfth Session, 2006 | - |
| | Total | 26 |

## 16. COMMITTEES

In 2002, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees:-

1. Business Advisory Committee
2. Public Accounts Committee
3. Committee on Estimates
4. Committee on Public Undertakings

5. Rules Committee
6. Committee of Privileges
7. Committee on Government Assurances
8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation
9. General Purposes Committee
10. Library Committee
11. House Committee
12. Committee on Petitions
13. Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes
14. Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table
15. Committee on Questions and References
16. Committee on Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions
17. Select Committee on Bills

The various Committees of the 12th Punjab Vidhan Sabha i.e. from 2002-03 to 2006-07 were nominated in accordance with the Resolutions adopted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 25th March, 2002, 29th March, 2003, 16th March, 2004, 28th March, 2005 and 16th March, 2006 respectively and the relevant rules of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly). The Speaker appointed Chairmen of the above Committees under Rule 184(1) read with Rule 207 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

The membership of these Committees is given below :-

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee | Speaker as Ex-Officio Chairman and not more than five other Members. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2. | Committee on Public Accounts | Thirteen Members. |
| 3. | Committee on Estimates | Thirteen Members. |
| 4. | Committee on Public Undertakings | Thirteen Members. |
| 5. | Rules Committee | Ten Members including the Speaker. |
| 6. | Committee of Privileges | Not more than twelve Members. |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than thirteen Members (including Advocate General). |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised Parties and groups in the House and such other Members as may be nominated by the Speaker. |
| 10. | Library Committee | Nine Members. |
| 11. | House Committee | Deputy Speaker as Ex-officio Chairman and eight other Members. |
| 12. | Committee on Petitions | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 13. | Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | Thirteen Members. |
| 14. | Committee on Papers Laid / To be Laid on the Table | Not more than ten Members. |
| 15. | Committee on Questions and References | Nine Members. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16. | Committee on Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 17. | Select Committee on Bills | Not more than fifteen Members. |

The total number of meetings held by various Committees yearwise alongwith the number of reports presented by each is given in the following statement :-

## STATEMENT

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | Number of Meetings 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| 2. | Public Accounts Committee | 54 | 63 | 67 | 54 | 30 | 23 |
| 3. | Committee on Estimates | 49 | 56 | 52 | 38 | 26 | 13 |
| 4. | Committee on Public Undertakings | 72 | 58 | 42 | 42 | 30 | 13 |
| 5. | Rules Committee | 4 | - | 2 | 2 | - | 4 |
| 6. | Committee of Privileges | 49 | 59 | 37 | 34 | 38 | 12 |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances | 34 | 72 | 50 | 51 | 42 | 5 |
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 45 | 38 | 35 | 38 | 17 | 5 |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| 10 | Library Committee | 54 | 53 | 31 | 20 | 15 | - |
| 11. | House Committee | 10 | 14 | 22 | 14 | 11 | - |
| 12. | Committee on Petitions | 78 | 64 | 37 | 43 | 32 | - |
| 13. | Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | 41 | 73 | 36 | 41 | 35 | 4 |
| 14. | Committee on Papers Laid / To be Laid on the Table | 36 | 42 | 30 | 34 | 36 | 2 |
| 15. | Committee on Questions and References | - | 34 | 26 | 31 | 29 | 2 |
| 16. | Committee on Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions | - | - | - | 50 | 31 | 1 |
| 17. | Select Committee on Bills | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 |

* This Information is upto 27th February, 2007 when the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

## 17. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, the Business Advisory Committee made recommendations regarding the date-wise programme, discussion on Demands for Grants and various other items of Business before the House. The Committee presented 2, 3, 2, 4 and 3 Reports respectively to the House.

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## 18. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

1. The membership of the Committee on Public Accounts from the year 2002-03 to 2006-07 was thirteen.

2. The total number of meetings held year-wise along-with the number of Reports presented is given in the following Statement :-

**STATEMENT**

| Year | Number of Meetings held | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 54 | 6 |
| 2003-04 | 63 | 7 |
| 2004-05 | 67 | 6 |
| 2005-06 | 54 | 4 |
| 2006-07 | 30 | Nil |

3.(i) The Committee for the year 2002-03 presented six Reports in the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 139th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of | 20.6.2002 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Punjab for the years 1988-89, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1988-89, 1991-92 and 1992-93 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department and Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 (Civil) relating to Public Works (B&R) Department. | |
| 2. | 140th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1991-92 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1991-92 (Civil) relating to Housing and Urban Development Department and Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 (Civil) relating to Health and Family Welfare Department. | 20.6.2002 |
| 3. | 141st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 (Civil) relating to Education Department. | 25.3.2003 |
| 4. | 142nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government | 27.3.2003 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | of Punjab for the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (Civil) relating to Jails, Rural Development and Panchayats, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Food and Supplies, Agriculture and Elections Departments. | |
| 5. | 143rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1996-97 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1996-97 (Civil) relating to Public Works (B&R) Department. | 28.3.2003 |
| 6. | 144th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1993-94, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1993-94, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 (Civil) relating to PWD (B&R), Local Government, Defence Services Welfare, Technical Education and Industrial Training Departments. | 29.3.2003 |

The Committee also scrutinized statments showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Amritsar and Nangal.

(ii) The Committee for the year 2003-04 presented seven Reports to the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of Presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 145th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95, 1996-97 and 1997-98 and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1994-95, 1996-97 and 1997-98 (Civil) relating to Public Works (Public Health) Department. | 16.3.2004 |
| 2. | 146th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 (Civil) and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 relating to Industries Department. | 16.3.2004 |
| 3. | 147th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (Civil) and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (Civil) relating to Excess over Grants from 1996-97 to 1999-2000. | 16.3.2004 |
| 4. | 148th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95, 1995-96 1996-97 and 1997-98 and the Reports of | 16.3.2004 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1994-95, 1995-96 1996-97 and 1997-98 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department. | |
| 5. | 149th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95 and 1996-97 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1994-95 and 1996-97 (Civil) relating to Soil and Water Conservation and Waste Land Development and Rural Development and Panchayats Department. | 16.3.2004 |
| 6. | 150th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1997-98 and Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1997-98 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 16.3.2004 |
| 7. | 151st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1998-99 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1998-99 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 16.3.2004 |

The Committee also scrutinized statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Jalandhar, Shahpur Kandi (Distt. Gurdaspur) and Ludhiana.

(iii) The Committee for the year 2004-05 presented six Reports to the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 152nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1999-2000 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1999-2000 (Civil) relating to Home Affairs and Justice Department. | 24.3.2005 |
| 2. | 153rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1999-2000 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1999-2000 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department. | 24.3.2005 |
| 3. | 154th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1997-98, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 relating to the Departments of Revenue and Soil and Water Conservation and Waste-Land Development. | 29.3.2005 |
| 4. | 155th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1993-94, 1996-1997, 1997-98 and 2000-2001 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1993-94, 1996-1997, 1997-98 and 2000-2001 (Civil) relating to Transport and Jails Department. | 29.3.2005 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. | 156th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1996-97, and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1996-97 (Civil) relating to the Department of Science, Technology and Environment. | 29.3.2005 |
| 6. | 157th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1996-97 and 1998-99 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1996-97 and 1998-99 (Civil) relating to Social Security and Development of Women and Children and Planning Departments. | 29.3.2005 |

The Committee also scrutinized statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee held meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar and Nangal. The Committee also visited Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala States. The Committee exchanged views on the scope and functions of the Committee with its sister Committee of Kerala Legislative Assembly. The Committee also discussed development projects with Hon'ble Governor of Kerala State.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2004-05 presented four Reports to the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 158th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government | 16.3.2006 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | of Punjab for the years 1997-98, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (Civil) relating to Agriculture Department. | |
| 2. | 159th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000, and 2001-2002 (Civil) and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000, and 2001-2002 (Civil) relating to Animal Husbandry Department. | 16.3.2006 |
| 3. | 160th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95, 1996-1997 and 2000-2001 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1994-95, 1996-1997 and 2000-2001 (Civil) relating to Education Department. | 16.3.2006 |
| 4. | 161st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1994-95 and 1996-1997 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1994-95 and 1996-1997 (R.R.) relating to Excise and Taxation Department. | 17.3.2006 |

The Committee also scrutinized statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Ludhiana Mussoorie, Rishikesh and Dehradun.

(v) The Committee for the year 2006-07 scrutinized the replies received from the different departments in respect of paragraphs appearing in the various Reports of Comptroller and Auditor General of India as detailed below:-

| | Department | Year of the Audit Report |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Excise and Taxation Department | 2000-01 (R.R.), 2001-02 (R.R.), 2002-03 (R.R.), 2003-04 (R.R.), 2004-05 (R.R.). |
| 2. | Agriculture Department | 2003-04 (Civil) |
| 3. | Animal Husbandry Department | 2000-2001 (Civil) |
| 4. | Public Health | 2000-2001 (Civil) |
| 5. | Sports and Youth Services | 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2002-03 (Civil) |
| 6. | Relief and Rehabilitation | 1994-95, 1998-99 (Civil) |
| 7. | Finance | 2000-01 (Civil) |
| 8. | Health and Family Welfare | 1999-2000 (Civil) |
| 9. | Revenue | 1998-99 (R.R.) |
| 10. | Power | 1998-99, 2000-01 and 2002-03 (R.R.) |

The Committee also scrutinized the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee held its meeting at Amritsar to discuss matters of mutual interests with sister Committee of Karnataka Legislature.

The Committee could not present any Report to the House due to the declaration of elections to the State Assembly.

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## 19. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 2002-03 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :-

1. Excise and Taxation Department;
2. Home Affairs and Justice Department (Police);
3. Health and Family Welfare Department;
4. Public Works Department (B&R);
5. Irrigation Department;
6. Transport Department;
7. Labour and Employment Department and
8. Finance Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2002-03.

Additionally the Committee scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government Department to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2002-03 in respect of the following Departments :-

| Sr. No. | Departments | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Excise and Taxation Department | 27.3.2003 |
| 2. | Health and Family Welfare Department | 27.3.2003 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2002-03 to the House on 21st March, 2003.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Amritsar, Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

(ii) The Committee for the year 2003-04 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:-

1. Social Security and Development of Women & Children Department;
2. Home Affairs and Justice Department (Police);
3. Public Works Department (B&R); and
4. Irrigation Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2003-04.

Additionally the Committee scrutinized the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its three Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2003-04 in respect of the following Departments:-

| Sr. No. | Departments | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Social Security and Development of Women & Children Department; | 16.3.2004 |
| 2. | Public Works Department (B&R); and | 16.3.2004 |
| 3. | Home Affairs and Justice Department (Police); | 16.3.2004 |

The Committee also presented its Reports on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2003-04 to the House on 25.9.2003 and 16.3.2004 (Ist and IInd Instalments).

The Committee also held its meetings at Dalhousie, Shimla, Amritsar and New Delhi.

(iii) The Committee for the year 2004-05 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :–

1. Agriculture Department ;
2. Jails Department ;
3. Local Government Department ; and
4. Irrigation Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2004-05.

Additionally the Committee scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of action taken by the Government Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2004-05 in respect of the following Departments :–

| Sr. No. | Departments | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Agriculture Department and | 28-3-2005 |
| 2. | Jails Department. | 28-3-2005 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2004-05 to the House on 21st March, 2005.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Ludhiana, Ferozepur, Patiala, Nabha, Chennai, Port Blair, Kolkata and Ropar (Pb).

(iv) The Committee for the year 2005-06 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :–

1. Home Affairs and Justice Department (Police) ;

2. Education Department (Schools) ;

3. Vigilance Department ;

4. Medical Education and Research Department ;

5. Housing and Urban Development Department ;

6. Revenue and Rehabilitation Department ; and

7. Irrigation Department.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2005-06.

Additionally the Committee scrutinised the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its one Report to the House on 16-3-2006 on the Budget Estimates for the year 2005-06 in respect of Education Department (Schools).

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2005-06 to the House on 6.3.2006.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Jammu, Srinagar, Leh and Garhshankar (Distt. Hoshiarpur).

(v) The Committee for the year 2006-07 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :–

1. Co-operation Department ;

2. Health and Family Welfare Department ;

3. Home Affairs and Justice Department (Police) ; and

4. Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department.

Additionally the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government Departments to implement the

recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee could not present any Report due to the declaration of general elections to the 13th Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

The Committee appointed its Implementation Sub-Committee.

The Committee also held its meetings at Dalhousie, Chamba, Port Blair, Kolkata, Shimla and Amritsar.

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## 20. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 2002-03 scrutinised the material received from Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in respect of their General Working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee for the year 2002-03 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) in respect of its General Working and orally examined its departmental representatives.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/ Boards regarding audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99.

The Committee scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 71st Report to the House on the 25th March, 2003 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1986-87 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (PUNSUP).

The Committee presented its 72nd Report to the House on the 27th March,

2003 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1986-87 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its 73rd Report to the House on the 27th March, 2003 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1988-89 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited.

The Committee presented its 74th Report to the House on the 25th March, 2003 on the General Working of Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA).

(ii) The Committee for the year 2003-04 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited in respect of its General Working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee also scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Health Systems Corporation and Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board in respect of their General Working, framed questionnaire and orally examined their departmental representatives.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from different Corporations/Boards in respect of Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01 & 2001-02.

The Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 75th Report to the House on the 16th March, 2004 in respect of the General Working of the Punjab Health Systems Corporation.

The Committee presented its 76th Report to the House on the 16th March, 2004 in respect of the General Working of the Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

(iii) The Committee for the year 2004-05 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) and Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited in respect of their General Working, framed questionnaire and orally examined their departmental representatives.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from different Corporations/Boards in respect of Audit Paragraphs contained in various Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1997-98 to 2001-02.

The Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 77th Report to the House on the 28th March, 2005 in respect of the General Working of the Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its 78th Report to the House on the 28th March, 2005 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board, Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation and Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited.

The Committee presented its 79th Report to the House on the 28th March, 2005 in respect of the General Working of the Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited.

The Committee presented its 80th Report to the House on the 31st March, 2005 in respect of the General Working of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2005-06 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (PUNSUP), Punjab Health Systems Corporation and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in

respect of their General Working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee for the year 2005-06 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) in respect of its General Working and orally examined its departmental representatives.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from the various Corporation/Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the various Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03.

The Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 81st Report to the House on the 16th March, 2006 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2001-02 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited, Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Limited and Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited.

The Committee presented its 82nd Report to the House on the 16th March, 2006 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-03 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Container and Warehousing Corporation Limited and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

The Committee presented its 83rd Report to the House on the 16th March, 2006 in respect of the General Working of the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA).

(v) The Committee for the year 2006-07 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation and Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Limited and framed questionnaire. But the Committee could not prepare and submit any Report due to shortage of time due to the declaration of Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections before the completion of its term.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/ Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98, 1999-2000, 2001-02 and 2003-04.

The Committee scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE YEAR-WISE**

| 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 58 | 42 | 42 | 30 |

**Number of Reports presented, year-wise**

| 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | – |

**Meetings held by the Committee at places other than Chandigarh**

| Year | Place |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | New Delhi, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Dehradun and Mussoorie. |
| 2003-04 | New Delhi, Patiala, Ludhiana, Sultanpur Lodhi, Jalandhar, Moga, Shahpur Kandi, Jammu, Srinagar, Darjeeling, Gangtok, Siliguri and Shillong. |
| 2004-05 | Shimla, New Delhi, Patiala, Jalandhar and Kapurthala. |
| 2005-06 | New Delhi and Shimla. |
| 2006-07 | Shimla. |

## 21. RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Committee was framed for the years 2003-04 and 2005-06 and presented two Reports each in 2003-04 and 2005-06.

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## 22. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The year-wise details of the matters referred to the Committee during the period under review are given as under :—

### 2002-2003

1. The question of breach of privilege raised by Sardar Ravinder Singh Sandhu, MLA against Shri Lalit Mohan, Correspondent, The Tribune, Ropar, regarding allegation of taking free accommodation and hospitalization from Bhakra Beas Management Board during the visit of Committee to Nangal was referred to the Committee on 21.8.2002.

The Committee considered the matter very deeply and felt that it is not a matter of breach of privilege and presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 2nd January, 2003. The Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

2. Another question of breach of privilege raised by Sardar Manjit Singh, MLA against Shri Gurdev Singh, S.H.O., Police Station Verowal, Tarn Taran, regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to him when he went to meet the SHO in connection with a public work was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 13.2.2003.

The Committee considered the aforesaid issue and presented its Report to the Speaker on 31st March, 2003. In view of the alleged discourtesy shown to the Hon'ble Member, the Committee recommended to take disciplinary action against the SHO.

### 2003-2004

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by Sarvshri Jasbir Singh Gill

(Dimpa), Swinder Singh Kathunangal and Om Parkash Soni, MLAs against the Reception Committee formed to receive the President of India during his visit on 23.3.2003 at Amritsar Airport because the Reception Committee had not given the due regard to the above said MLAs was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 31.3.2003.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 1st July, 2003. The Committee recommended to drop the matter as the complainants did not turn up to appear before the Committee in its three consecutive meetings.

2. Another question of privilege raised by Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder, MLA against Shri Sukhchain Singh, Sub-Inspector Sardulgarh, District Mansa regarding alleged misbehaviour with him when he went to see the arrangements during the Municipality's Election in Sardulgarh, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 31.3.2003.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 22nd December, 2003. The Committee recommended in its Report to withdraw the case No. 39, dated the 22nd March, 2003 under Sections 180, 353, 506 IPC registered against the Member and also recommeded to take disciplinary action against Sub-Inspector, Sardulgarh for registering a false case against the Member.

**2004-2005**

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by Sardar Gura Singh Tungwali, MLA against Shri Gurinder Singh Dhillon, SSP, Sangrur regarding detaining him illegally while coming to attend the meeting of Government Assurances Committee at Punjab Vidhan Sabha, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 20.2.2004.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 16th September, 2004. The Committee recommended to drop the issue in view of unqualified apology tendered by SSP, Sangrur.

2. Another question of breach of privilege raised by Sardar Balbir Singh

Ghunas, MLA, against Shri Gurinder Singh Dhillon, SSP, Sangrur and Shri Darshan Singh, S.H.O., Police Station, Sangrur regarding creating obstructions while he was coming to attend the meeting of Government Assurances Committee at Punjab Vidhan Sabha, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 20.2.2004.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 28th September, 2004. In view of the unqualified apology tendered by Shri Gurinder Singh Dhillon, SSP, Sangrur and Shri Darshan Singh, S.H.O., Sangrur, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

**2005-2006**

1. A question of breach of privilege was raised by Shri Raj Kumar Gupta, MLA against Sardar Satwant Singh Johal, PCS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar regarding alleged wrong issuance of notices to the MLA as the house was not owned by him. As a result, the image of the Hon'ble Member was tarnished in public. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 29.8.2005.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 27th February, 2006. The Committee recommended to drop the issue with the recommendation to take the strict disciplinary action against the erring officer/official.

2. Another question of privilege raised by Sardar Nirmal Singh, MLA against Shri Nirmal Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Patran, District Patiala regarding alleged misbehaviour meted out with him when he talked about the issuance of cheques to the residents of Village Gular, District Patiala, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 23.1.2006.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 21st February, 2006. In view of unqualified apology tendered by the said officer, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

3. Another question of privilege raised by Smt. Razia Sultana, MLA and Parliamentary Secretary against Mohammad Izhar Alam, A.D.G.P., Punjab

Police regarding her alleged confinement in Wakf Board Office by the U.T. Police at the behest of Mohammad Izhar Alam, A.D.G.P., Punjab Police, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 6.6.2005.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 28th February, 2006. The Committee recommended not to pursue the case being a sub-judice matter.

4. Another question of privilege raised by Sardar Bir Devinder Singh, MLA against Shri Raveen Thukral, Author of an article regarding publishing a news in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 27.2.2006 under the title 'Bureaucracy comes under fire' which lowered the dignity of the House by using intemperate and derogatory words, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 6.3.2006.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 28th March, 2006. The Committee considered the matter at length and decided not to pursue the matter further and recommended to drop the issue.

**2006-2007**

1. A question of breach of privilege raised by Sardar Inder Iqbal Singh, MLA agaisnt Shri T.K. Behera, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Ludhiana regarding alleged misbehaviour and discourtesy shown to him when he talked over the telephone, was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker on 28.9.2006.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 6th November, 2006. As the Member concerned made a request to withdraw the case, the Committee, therefore, recommended to file this case.

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## 23. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

The Committee for the year 2002-2003 was nominated on the 3rd April, 2002. It held 34 meetings. The Committee approved 143 Draft Assurances relating to Budget Session, 2001; nine Assurances relating to Monsoon Session

2002; four Assurances of supplementary Statement No. 1 and 54 Assurances of Budget Session 2002 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinised 632 replies/interim replies received from the various departments in respect of Assurances contained in its 29th Report, 30th Report, 31st Report, 32nd Report and 33rd Report. Out of these Assurances, the Committee dropped 467 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In the case of remaining 165 Assurances, after being not satisfied with the replies sent by the respective departments, the Committee made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee also scrutinised 466 replies received from various departments in respect of 63 Assurances of Budget Session 1999; six Assurances of Monsoon Session, 1999, 266 Assurances of Budget Session, 2000; 39 Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2000; 83 Assurances of Budget Session, 2001; and also three Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 6 Budget Session, 1999; one Asssurance of Supplementary Statement No. 7 Budget Session, 1999 and five Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 and 2 of Budget Session, 2000. The Committee dropped 241 Assurances out of above 466 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In the case of remaining 225 Assurances, in regard to which satisfactory replies were not received from various departments or the information supplied was not complete or not sent at all, the Committee asked for further information and made further observations in respect of such Assurances.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Departments of Excise and Taxation; Irrigation; General Coordination; Home Affairs and Justice; Industries; Welfare of SCs/BCs; Local Government; Science and Technology & Environment and Housing & Urban Development.

The Committee during its tenure visited Goindwal Sahib Industrial Complex and PUDA Complex, Mohali for "on-the-spot-study".

The Committee presented its 35th Report in the House on 28th March, 2003.

The Committee for the years 2003-2004 was nominated on 22nd April,

2003. It held 73 meetings. The Committee scrutinised 586 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of six Assurances contained in its 29th Report; 36 Assurances of 30th Report; 126 Assurances of 31st Report; 76 Assurances of 32 Report; 25 Assurances of 33rd Report and 67 Assurances of 34th Report and also 29 Assurances of Budget Session, 2000; seven Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2000; 145 Assurances of Budget Session, 2001; nine Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2001; 54 Assurances of Budget Session, 2002 and six Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of Budget Session, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. The Committee dropped 317 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government.

The Committee also approved 190 Draft Assurances relating to Budget Session, 2003; 35 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 2003; and each one Assurance from CU list of Budget Session, 2002 and 2003 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Punjab Pollution Control Board and Punjab State Council for Science and Technology Departments and also representatives of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats.

The Committee during its tenure visited Nangal and Amritsar for "on-the-spot-study".

The Committee presented its 36th Report in the House on 16th March, 2004.

The Committee for the years 2004-2005 was nominated on the 19th April, 2004. It held 50 meetings. The Committee scrutinized 381 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of two Assurances contained in its 30th Report; 14 Assurances of 31st Report; 37 Assurances of 32nd Report; eight Assurances of 33rd Report; 18 Assurances of 34th Report and 24 Assurances of its 35th Report and also 37 Assurances of Budget Session, 2001; four Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2001; 10 Assurances of Budget Session, 2002; one each Assurance of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of Budget Session, 2002 and 2003; 190 Assurances of Budget Session 2003 and 35 Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2003. Out of these Assurances, the Committee

after detailed discussion and being satisfied with the action taken by the Government, dropped 158 Assurances.

The Committee also approved 27 Draft Assurances relating to Budget (1st) Session, 2004; 105 Assurances relating to Budget (2nd) Session,2004; 17 Assurances of Winter Session, 2004 and 11 Assurances of CU List of Budget (2nd) Session, 2004 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee presented its 37th Report in the House on 28th March, 2005.

The Committee for the years 2005-2006 was nominated on the 29th April, 2005. It held 51 meetings. The Committee scrutinised 404 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of six Assurances contained in its 30th Report; four Assurances of 31st Report; 37 Assurances of 32nd Report; 28 Assurances of 33rd Report; 18 Assurances of 34th Report; 65 Assurances of 35th Report and 30 Assurances of 36th Report and also three Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of Budget Session, 2001 and 2002; 42 Assurances of Budget Session, 2003; four Assurances of Monsoon Session, 2003; 27 Assurances of Budget (1st) Session, 2004; 105 Assurances of Budget (2nd) Session, 2004; 11 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 3 (Budget Session 2004); 17 Assurances of Winter Session 2004 and seven Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 4 of Winter Session, 2004. The Committee dropped 174 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government.

The Committee also approved 239 Draft Assurances relating to Budget Session, 2005; 31 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session 2005 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Sports and Youth Services and Housing and Urban Development Departments regarding implementation of Assurance No. 234 of its 33rd Report and Assurance Nos. 208 to 213 of Budget Session 2005.

The Committee during its tenure visited Amritsar, Shimla, Bathinda,

Kapurthala and Anandpur Sahib for "on-the-spot-study".

The Committee presented its 38th Report in the House on 17th March, 2006.

The Committee for the year 2006-07 was nominated on the 11th April, 2006. It held 42 meetings (upto 30th December, 2006). The Committee scrutinised 171 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of 76 Assurances of Budget Session 2005 and four Assurances contained in its 33rd Report; 35 Assurances of 34th Report; 29 Assurances of 35th Report and 27 Assurances of its 36th Report. The Committee dropped 113 Assurances after being satisifed with the action taken by the Government.

The Committee also approved 165 draft Assurances out of 312 Assurances relating to Budget Session, 2006; 27 Assurances out of 56 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session 2006; five Assurances out of eight Assurances contained in the CU list of Budget Session, 2006 and 29 Assurances out of 40 Assurances contained in the CU list of Budget and Monsoon Session, 2005 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee during its tenure visited Shimla, New Delhi, Nangal, Shahpur Kandi/Ranjit Sagar Dam.

The Committee also went through every aspect for the disposal of the Assurance No. 180 of its 34th Report regarding Constitutional Status of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat and later on, held open discussion with the Secretary-General, Lok Sabha also on the 8th May, 2006 through its Sub-Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee presented Special Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (2006-07) on Assurance No. 180 of its 34th Report to the Hon'ble Speaker in his Chamber on the 10th November, 2006.

The Elections for the 13th Punjab Vidhan Sabha were announced by the Election Commission of India during last week of December, 2006. The Committee, therefore, could not meet after December, 2006 and prepare its Annual Report/present its Report to the House.

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## 24. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

### (2002-2003)

The Rules scrutinised by the Committee during the period under review are mentioned below, yearwise :—

(i) The Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service) Rules, 1978 framed under the Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service) Act, 1974.

(ii) The Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Rules, 1995 framed under the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act, 1995.

(iii) The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Rules, 1959 framed under the Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Act, 1952.

The Committee held its meeting at New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its special Report to the House on 21-6-2002.

The Committee presented its 31st Report to the House on 27th March, 2003.

### (2003-2004)

(i) The Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 framed under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

(ii) The Punjab Panchayat Election Rules, 1994 framed under the Punjab State Election Committee Act, 1994.

The Committee held its meeting at New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 32nd Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 31st March, 2004 under Rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) and laid before the House on 19th June, 2004.

### (2004-2005)

(i) The Punjab Municipal Election Rules, 1994 framed under the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994.

The Committee held its meeting at New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 33rd Report to the House on 31st March, 2005.

**(2005-2006)**

(i) The Punjab Minimum Wages Rules, 1950 framed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(ii) The Punjab Chemical Works Rules, 1933 framed under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

(iii) The Punjab Liquor Permit and Pass Rules, 1932 framed under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914.

The Committee held its meeting at New Delhi also.

The Committee presented its 34th Report to the House on 17th March, 2006.

**(2006-2007)**

(i) The Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation (Service) Regulations, 1993 framed under the Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation Act 1978.

The Committee held its meeting at New Delhi also.

No Report could, however, be presented for the said year due to dissolution of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

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## 25. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The total number of meetings held by the Committee year-wise is given below :-

| Year | Number of meeting(s) |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 2 |
| 2003-04 | 2 |
| 2004-05 | 1 |
| 2005-06 | 1 |
| 2006-07 | – |

(I) (i) The Committee for the year 2002-03 considered certain suggestions received from the Members/Ex-Members regarding facilities being provided to them under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and Punjab State Legislative Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Act, 1977 and Rules framed thereunder.

(ii) The Committee considered suggestions received from the Members/ Ex-Members regarding furnishing/renovation of MLA's Flats, installation of Air Conditioners, provision of portable (14") Televisions in the MLA's Flats and replacement of security vehicles provided to the Members.

(iii) The Committee considered the suggestion with regard to the formation of Ex-MLAs Association and cleanliness and upkeep of surroundings of MLA's Hostel/Flats.

(II) The Committee for the year 2003-04 considered the following points/ suggestions :-

(i) Facilities being provided to the Members/Ex-Members under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and Punjab State Legislative Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Act, 1977 and Rules framed thereunder.

(ii) Removal of the discrepancy in respect of Salary and Allowances of the Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker and Leader of the Opposition.

(iii) Installation of Portraits of Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Former Chief Minister, Punjab and Shaheed Udham Singh in the Portrait Gallery in the Members Lounge of Vidhan Bhavan.

(iv) Rectifying of room tariff being charged from the Ex-MLAs and Ex-Ministers for staying at Punjab Bhavan, New Delhi.

(v) Formulating of a Housing Scheme for the sitting MLAs.

(vi) Payment of Income Tax in respect of MLAs.

(vii) Monthly statement of payments made to the MLAs, payment of taxi charges, provision of Laptop Computers, provision of Air-Conditioners in the offices of political parties in the building of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Quorum in the Committee meetings and grant of housing/vehicle loans to the Ex-MLAs.

(viii) Increase in Daily Allowance and payment of TA Bills to the staff of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha from the same Head as that of MLAs.

(ix) Revision of Room Rent of MLAs Hostel.

**(III)** (i) Committee for the year 2004-05 considered certain suggestions received from the Members/Ex-Members regarding facilities being provided to them under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and Punjab State Legislative Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Act, 1977 and Rules framed thereunder.

(ii) The Committee considered the suggestions received from the Members/Ex-Members with regard to installation of Portraits of Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Former Chief Minister, Punjab and Guru Ram Singh in the Portrait Gallery in the Members Lounge of Vidhan Bhavan.

(iii) The Committee considered the suggestions received from the Members with regard to live telecast of the speech made by the Leader of the Opposition in the House on the concluding day of the discussion of the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address.

**(IV)** The Committee for the year 2005-06 considered the following points/ suggestions :–

(i) Facilities being provided to the Members/Ex-Members under the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 and Punjab State Legislative Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Act, 1977 and Rules framed thereunder.

(ii) Installation of Air-Conditioners in the offices of the political parties.

(iii) Installation of portrait of Sardar Karnail Singh Issru in the Portrait Gallery in the Members' Lounge of Vidhan Bhavan.

(iv) Red Light atop the MLAs Vehicles alongwith the tainted glasses in the vehicles.

(V) The Committee for the year 2006-07 did not hold any meeting.

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## 26. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee is nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker. It consists of nine Members one of whom is appointed as Chairman of the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The total number of meetings held year-wise is given below :–

| 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 53 | 31 | 20 | 15 |

The Committee recommended the purchase of books costing about Rs. 27,119/- in 2002-03, Rs. 43,724/- in 2003-04, Rs. 30479/- in 2004-05, Rs. 2,52,433/- in 2005-06 & Rs. 29,672/- in 2006-07. Besides the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals and magazines etc. The Committee also suggested various improvements in the working of the Library. The computerization of documents available in the Library was started and the renovation of the Reading Room was done during the year 2005-2006.

In the years 2002-2003 the Committee held meetings at Shimla, Calcutta, Port-Blair, Gangtok, Darjeeling and New Delhi, in 2003-2004 at New Delhi, Chail and Shimla, in 2004-2005 at New Delhi and in 2005-2006 at New Delhi & Patiala.

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## 27. HOUSE COMMITTEE

### 2002-2003

The Committee considered various matters regarding comforts and convenience of Hon'ble Members, staying in MLAs' Hostels and MLAs' Flats in Chandigarh i.e. purchase of crockery/cutlery for MLAs' Hostel Canteen, raising of room rent in MLAs' Hostel, installation of power sub-stations for A.Cs. in MLAs' Hostel and Vidhan Bhavan, provision of one AC in each MLAs' Flat in Sectors 3, 4 and 39 replacement of chiller of AC Plant in Vidhan Bhavan, barbed wire fencing around Vidhan Bhavan building, provision of concrete parking near main gate of Vidhan Bhavan, installation of wall hanging inside main gate of Vidhan Bhavan building, provision of room heaters/blower heaters instead of heat convectors/blowers in rooms of MLAs' Hostels, installing of water purifiers in MLAs' Hostel, provision of glazed tiles in water tanks outside Vidhan Bhavan building, erection of santry's post in Vidhan Bhavan, carpetting of road in Vidhan Bhavan complex, providing furniture/ furnishing items in MLAs' Flats, Sector-39, provision of deep freezer and water cooler in MLA's Hostel Canteen and cleanliness of surrounding of MLAs' Flats in Sector-39, Chandigarh.

### 2003-2004

The Committee considered, discussed and issued instructions to concerned authorities regarding various issues relating to MLAs' Hostel and MLAs' Flats such as providing TV sets in rooms of MLAs' Hostel, transfer of maintenance of rooms on the top of MLAs' Hostel, Sector-3 to Punjab PWD (B&R), removal of tents of police personnel from area surrounding MLAs' flats and MLAs' Hostels, providing of cable connections to TVs in rooms of MLAs' Hostel, landscaping and beautification of surroundings of MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4, construction of temporary sheds for security personnel of Hon'ble Members near MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4, extension of dining hall of MLAs' Hostel Canteen etc.

### 2004-2005

During the period, the Committee recommended more improvements such

as providing H.T. equipment for A.Cs. installed in rooms of Hon'ble Ministers in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan, installation of street lights around MLAs' Hostel, providing non-veg. items like boiled/grilled chicken in MLAs' Hostel Canteen, purchase of medicines and physiotherapy unit for use in dispensary of MLAs' Hostel, raising of rates of eatables and improving the quality of eatable items in MLAs' Hostel Canteen, cleanliness around MLAs' Flats, Sector-39, raising of room rent of MLAs' Hostel, providing various amenities like towels, soaps, bed-sheets, pillows, blowers in rooms of MLAs' Hostel and discussed installation of solar power system and CCTV in MLAs' Hostel.

**2005-2006**

During the period, the Committee made further suggestions for raising the standard of MLAs' Hostel such as providing bigger capacity water tanks in MLAs' Hostel, renovation of MLAs' Flats in Sectors 3 and 4, separate water tanks for each MLAs' Flat in Sectors 3 & 4, installation of Conferencing System and Air-Conditioners in Committee Rooms B & C of Punjab Vidhan Sabha, creation of Physiotherapy Wing in MLAs' Hostel Dispensary, providing marvo granite ceramic tiles flooring in MLAs' Hostel, providing new crockery and more staff in MLAs' Hostel canteen and renovation of canteen and library in Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

**2006-2007**

The Committee discussed matters regarding additional flats for Members and renovation of existing MLAs' flats in Sectors-3 and 4, recommended upgradation of lifts for Hon'ble Speaker in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan and for Members in MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4, separation of electrical points for tubes and fans in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan, renovation of reception and counters of canteen in MLAs' Hostel, Sector-4, replacement of flooring in the corridor of ground floor and first floor of Punjab Bhavan, providing CCTV in MLAs' Hostel, provision of funds for renovation of canteen in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan, providing of wall fans near Governor's Gate and new conferencing system in Committee Rooms B & C in Punjab Vidhan Bhavan.

The number of meetings held by the House Committee is given below yearwise :–

| Year | No. of Meetings |
| --- | --- |
| 2002-03 | 10 |
| 2003-04 | 14 |
| 2004-05 | 22 |
| 2005-06 | 14 |
| 2006-07 | 11 |

**The strength of the House Committee is given below yearwise :–**

| Year | No. of Members |
| --- | --- |
| 2002-03 | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 2003-04 | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 2004-05 | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 2005-06 | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |
| 2006-07 | Deputy Speaker and eight other Members |

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## 28. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

### 2002-03

The Committee for the year 2002-03 considered 39 petitions relating to various Departments during the year and orally examined the representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Local Bodies, Revenue, Rural Development & Panchayats, Irrigation, Electricity, Education, Rehabilitation and Home.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Mumbai, Pune, Goa, Kolkata, Port Blair and Chennai.

### 2003-04

The Committee for the year 2003-04 considered six petitions relating to

various Departments and orally examined the representatives of the Department of Local Government.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Manikaran, Manali, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Talwara, Jalandhar, Dalhousie, Ludhiana, Nangal, Palampur, Dharamshala, Mcleoudganj, Shimla and Goa.

**2004-05**

The Committee for the year 2004-05 considered 20 petitions relating to various Departments and orally examined the representatives of the Department of Education.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

**2005-06**

The Committee for the year 2005-06 considered 14 petitions relating to various Departments and orally examined the representatives of the Department of Education.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi.

**2006-07**

The Committee for the year 2006-07 considered 11 petitions relating to various Departments.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi.

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## 29. COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

I. The Committee for the year 2002-2003 examined the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Boards/Corporations :–

1. Education (Secondary)
2. Milkfed

3. Tourism

4. Co-operation

5. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

The Committee also examined the Schemes for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes run by the Welfare Department.

The Committee presented its Report on the Welfare Schemes run by the Welfare Department for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, on 25.3.2003.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi and Nangal.

II. The Committee for the year 2003-2004 examined the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Boards/Corporations :–

1. Food and Civil Supplies

2. Co-operation

3. P.W.D. (B&R)

4. Education (Secondary)

5. Punjab Warehousing Corporation.

The Committee presented its Report on the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in services and posts of Warehousing Corporation on 16.3.2004.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi and Nangal.

III. The Committee for the year 2004-2005 examined the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Boards/Corporations :–

1. Punjab Mandi Board

2. Milkfed

3. Food and Civil Supplies

4. Education (Secondary)

5. P.W.D. (B&R)

6. Co-operation

7. Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board

8. Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation (PUNSUP)

9. Transport

The Committee presented its 31st Report on the Welfare Schemes for the Members of Scheduled Castes run by the Welfare Department on 31.3.2005.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi.

IV. The Committee for the year 2005-2006 examined the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Boards/Corporation :–

1. Punjab Mandi Board

2. Transport including P.R.T.C.

3. P.W.D. (B&R)

4. Food and Civil Supplies

5. Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board

6. Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation

7. Education

8. Co-operation.

The Committee presented its 32nd Report on the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of Milkfed on 16.3.2006.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi.

V. The Committee for the year 2006-2007 examined the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Boards/Corporations :–

1. Punjab Mandi Board

2. Transport (P.R.T.C.)

3. Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board

4. P.W.D. (B&R)

5. Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation (PUNSUP)

6. Education (Secondary)

7. Sugarfed

8. Food and Civil Supplies

9. Punjab School Education Board

The Committee could not present its Report due to shortage of time.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Nangal, Shahpur Kandi, Bathinda and Mansa.

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## 30. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE

The work done by Committee during the period under review is mentioned below yearwise :–

### 2002-2003

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

2. Punjab State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

3. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.

4. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Ltd.

5. Punjab State Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Ltd.

6. Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

The Committee held its meetings at Kullu, Manikaran, Manali, Rohtang Pass, Dehradun, Mussourie, Ropar, Nangal Dam, New Delhi and Ferozepur.

The Committee presented its 13th Report to the House on 27th March, 2003.

## 2003-2004

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Ltd.
3. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.
4. Punjab Poultry Development Corporation Ltd.
5. Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

The Committe held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi.

The Committee presented its 14th Report to the House on 16th March, 2004.

## 2004-2005

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab School Education Board.
3. Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.
4. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

5. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Ltd.

The Committee held its meetings at New Delhi and Jalandhar.

**2005-2006**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.
3. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.
4. Punjab Health Systems Corporation Ltd.
5. Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
6. Punjab State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.
7. Punjab State Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
8. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation Ltd.

**2006-2007**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board.
3. Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company Ltd.
4. Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation Ltd.

The Committee held its meetings at New Delhi and Jalandhar.

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## 31. QUESTIONS AND REFERENCES COMMITTEE

The details of matters referred to the Committee during its period of review are as under :–

### COMPOSITION

1) On the recommendation of the Rules Committee, a provision has been made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly) by incorporating new Rules, viz. 251-G and 251-H and the Hon'ble Speaker constituted this nine Member Committee for the year 2003-04 on 22-4-2003 for the first time under Rule 251-G.

2) Rule 184(1) read with rule 2007 ibid lays down that the Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Hon'ble Speaker from amongst the Members of the Committee.

3) The Committee shall be nominated by the Speaker and shall hold office for a term not exceeding one year.

### FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The functions of the Committee shall be –

(i) to examine such matters, as may be referred to it by the Speaker, from time to time, regarding Starred, Unstarred or Short Notice Questions;

(ii) to report to the House as to whether there has been any unreasonable delay in giving replies, oral or written, and whether such replies, if given, are satisfactory or not; and to suggest the remedial measures therefor; and

(iii) to examine and suggest remedial measures in respect of any important policy matter raised by a Member during debates in the House, as may be referred to it by the Speaker.

### 2003-2004

The Committee discussed its Scope and Functions.

The Committee discussed the matter regarding non-receipt of replies of

Starred/Unstarred and Postponed Questions in time from the departments concerned.

The Committee considered the replies received from the Irrigation Department, Punjab, regarding the recommendations of the Committee constituted in regard to the expenditure incurred on desilting/digging of drains in district Mansa and framed questionnaire regarding replies received as such and orally examined the representatives of Irrigation Department, Punjab.

The Committee decided to orally examine the representatives of the departments concerned for not furnishing the replies of Starred Question Nos. 37, 521, 83, 395, 573, 443, 571, 626 and Unstarred Question No. 85 of 12th Vidhan Sabha.

The Committee presented its First Report in the House on 16th March, 2004.

**2004-2005**

The Committee discussed its Scope and Functions in detail.

The Committee discussed the matter of non-receipt of replies of Starred, Unstarred, C.U. and Postponed Questions from the departments concerned.

The Committee discussed the replies of Starred Question Nos./C.U. Question Nos. 836, 837, 838, 940, 921, 923, 924, 935, 910, 930, 932, 939, 927 and 937.

**2005-2006**

The Committee discussed its Scope and Functions.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Education Department (Schools) on 26th June, 2005 regarding non-receipt of reply of C.U. Question No. 938 from the department.

The Committee made observations for not furnishing the replies of postponed Question Nos. 972 and 1013 by the Education Department, Punjab and decided to orally examine the departmental representatives on 29th July, 2005.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received in respect of Questions included in the Supplementary List dated 19-4-2005 and discussed the Questions, replies of which were not received.

The Committee orally examined the Administrative Secretary of Local Government Department in regard to C.U. Question Nos. 1051, 1298 and 1322 included in list dated 19-4-2005.

The Committee decided to orally examine the Administrative Secretary of Public Works Department, Punjab with regard to C.U. Question No. 1285 relating to the said Department.

The Committee decided to orally examine the Administrative Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department regarding C.U. Question Nos. 1116, 1242, 1243 and 1301 relating to the said Department.

Letter No. 21/4/05-5K2/18956, dated 24.11.2005 issued by the Vigilance Department, Punjab (Branch-2) was placed before the Committee and the Committee decided to orally examine the Administrative Secretary of the Department.

The Committee decided to orally examine the Administrative Secretaries regarding C.U. Question Nos. 1221, 1222 and 1282 which were related to Home and Justice Department and C.U. Question No. 1244 which was related to Social Security Department.

The Committee orally examined the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department for not sending the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 1116, 1242, 1243 and 1301 in time.

The Committee orally examined the Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and Justice Department for not sending the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 1221, 1222 and 1289 in time.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of Revenue and Rehabilitation Department regarding C.U. Question No. 1327.

The Committee discussed its Draft Report for the year 2005-2006 and presented the same to the House on 16th March, 2006.

**2006-2007**

The Committee discussed its Scope and Functions.

The Committee decided to orally examine the representatives of concerned Departments for not sending the replies of C.U. and Postponed Questions.

The Committee discussed the Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule-38.

The Committee decided to orally examine the representatives of Punjab PWD (B&R) on 28-5-2006 at 3.00 P.M. for not sending replies of seven Questions relating to the Department.

The Committee discussed the reply of Non-Official Resolution No. 363 sent by the Government which was referred to the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The Committee discussed the matter with regard to covering of maximum area under forest.

The Committee discussed the matter with regard to checking the dangerous and dire consequences of pollution.

The Committee discussed mutually the project of "Japan Bank for International Corporation (J.B.I.C.).

The Committee discussed the steps taken to encourage Agro-forestry in the State.

The Committee discussed the Forest Development Agency (FDA).

The Committee discussed the matter regarding planting of saplings on the land belonging to Railway Department.

The Committee orally examined the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Public Works Department for not receiving answers of C.U. Question Nos. 1339, 1403, 1421, 1491 and 1509 of 10th Session, 2005 and Postponed Question No. 1662 of 11th Session, 2006 in time.

The Committee discussed letter No. 10/11/96-PA/6903, dated 11.5.2006

whereby directions were issued to all Heads of Departments of Punjab Government by the Parliamentary Affairs Department of Punjab Government to send answers of Questions of Vidhan Sabha in time.

(1) The Committee examined the information received by Endorsement No. F.W.3/U.S.Q./21/3054 dated 3.7.2006 from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab.

(2) The Committee examined the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 1625, 1628, 1641, 1648 and 1949 which were included in Supplementary List, dated 17.3.2006.

Endorsement letter No. 18/98/06-GC(4)10615 dated 18.7.2006 recived from Superintendent, Department of General Administration (General Co-ordination Branch) pertaining to Unstarred Question No. 215, was placed before the Committee. The Committee noted it.

The Committee made general observation on Non-Official Resolution No. 363 given notice of by Sardar Gulzar Singh Ranike, MLA, which was referred to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the reply received from the government regarding Non-Official Resolution No. 363 given notice of by Sardar Gulzar Singh Ranike, MLA, which was referred to the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The Committee did not receive complete reply even after a lapse of three months period from the Forest Department, Punjab, with regard to Non-Official Resolution No. 363 given notice of by Sardar Gulzar Singh Ranike, MLA. Therefore, the Committee decided to orally examine the representatives of the Forest Department on Thursday, the 7th September, 2006 at 11.30 am in the Committee Room of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Chandigarh.

The Committee decided to orally examine the representatives of Departments concerned in regard to non-receipt of replies of C.U. Question Nos. 1397, 1429 and 1667 mentioned in Supplementary lists dated 18.10.2005 and 17.3.2006.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Forests

Department for the disposal of reply of Non-Official Resolution No. 363 relating to Forest Department.

(1) The Committee discussed D.O. letter No. 2095 dated 27.9.2006 received from Shri D.S. Jaspal, Financial Commissioner, Punjab, Department of Forests vide which he had expressed his inability to attend the meeting of the Committee.

The Committee considered the Non-Official Resolution No. 363 as passed by Punjab Legislative Assembly on 9.3.2006.

The Committee orally examined the Administrative Secretary and representatives of the Department in regard to the disposal of the Non-Official Resolution No. 363 pertaining to the Forests Department.

The Committee decided to orally examine the concerned department for not sending answers to C.U. Question Nos. 1727, 1728 and 1733 as included in the Supplementary list dated 17.3.2006

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Forests Department and Punjab Agricultural University in District Hoshiarpur for the disposal of Non-Official Resolution No. 363 pertaining to the Forests Department.

The Committee made an on-the-spot-study at district Hoshiarpur for the disposal of the Non-Official Resolution No. 363, pertaining to the Forests Department, Punjab.

D.O. letter No. 27379 dated 23.11.2006, as written by the Dean, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, was placed before the Committee. The Committee contemplated on the issue of bringing more and more area under forest cover.

(1) The Committee deliberated on the issue of giving extension in time to the departments, which have defaulted in sending prompt replies to the C.U. Questions.

(2) The Committee scrutinized the C.U. Question Nos. 1297, 1491 and 1627 and noted the same.

The Committee contemplated on the issue of preparing a Draft Report on the Non-Official Resolution No. 363.

The Committee further contemplated on the issue of preparing a Draft Report on the Non-Official Resolution No. 363.

**YEAR-WISE DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE**

| 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 26 | 31 | 29 |

**YEAR-WISE NUMBER OF REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE**

| 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 |
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| 1 | – | 1 | – |

**MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE HELD OUTSIDE CHANDIGARH**

| YEAR | PLACE (S) |
|---|---|
| 2003-04 | New Delhi & Shimla |
| 2004-05 | New Delhi & Jalandhar |
| 2005-06 | New Delhi |
| 2006-07 | New Delhi & Hoshiarpur |

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## 32. COMMITTEE ON LOCAL BODIES & PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

2002-03 : The Committee was not in existence.

2003-04 : The Committee was not in existence.

2004-05 : The Committee was not in existence.

2005-06 : The Committee on Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions was constituted for the first time in the year 2005-06 having 13 Members including the Chairman to serve on it. The main function of the Committee is to scrutinise the Audit Reports of the Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions selected for the purpose and also to scrutinize the Reports of the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts laid on the Table of the House, if any, as also the general working thereof.

The Committee selected the following units for study examination :–

1. Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar
2. Municipal Corporation, Amritsar
3. Municipal Council, Tarn Taran
4. Municipal Council, Faridkot
5. Zila Parishad, Amritsar
6. Zila Parishad, Faridkot; and
7. Zila Parishad, Jalandhar.

The Committee examined the General Working and Audit Reports of the above said units but due to the paucity of time, could present its report on the General Working of Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar only.

The Committee held 30 meetings at Chandigarh besides 20 meetings outside Chandigarh at Mumbai, Shimla, New Delhi, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Jaipur, Ajmer and Pushkar.

2006-07 : The Committee selected the following units for scrutiny of Audit Reports & study of General Working thereof :–

1. Municipal Corporation, Amritsar
2. Improvement Trust, Amritsar

3. Zila Parishad, Amritsar
4. Zila Parishad, Nawan Shahr
5. Zila Parishad, Ferozepur
6. Municipal Corporation, Patiala ; and
7. Municipal Council, Samana.

The Committee held 31 meetings in all out of which 8 meetings were held outside Chandigarh at Kullu, Manali, Amritsar, New Delhi and Shimla.

The Committee could not present any report during the year 2006-2007 because of declaration of elections to the State Assembly.

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## 33. SELECT COMMITTEE ON BILLS

Two Bills were referred to the Select Committee during the period under review which are as under :–

| Sr. No. | Name of Bill | Date on which referred to Select Committee | Date of presentation of Report by Select Committee | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | The Punjab Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2002 | 26.6.2002 (A.N.) | 28.3.2003 | Passed on 2.4.2003 |
| 2. | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Amendment Bill, 2006 | 17.3.2006 | 19.9.2006 | Withdrawn |

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## 34. RULINGS / OBSERVATIONS

The Speaker gave Rulings on or made Observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings / Observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 35. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

For decisions given on various Points of Order, reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 36. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

The following personal explanations were made during the various Sessions:-

| Sr.No. | Date | Name of the Member | Occasion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 13.06.2002 | Capt. Kanwaljit Singh | On a Point of Order raised by Sardar Bir Devinder Singh during Zero Hour. |
| 2. | 20.06.2002 | Sardar Bir Devinder Singh | With regard to the comments made against him by Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder. |
| 3. | 21.03.2003 | Doctor Ramesh Dutt Sharma, Minister of State for Cooperation | Regarding allegations levelled against him by Capt. Kanwaljit Singh and Sardar Parkash Singh Badal (SAD). |
| 4. | 25.09.2003 | Doctor Ramesh Dutt Sharma | On the comments made by the Opposition Members with regard to his degree. |
| 5. | 01.03.2006 | Chief Minister | In reply to remarks made by the Leader of the Opposition |

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| | | | regarding his (Chief Minister's) absence from celebrations on the eve of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Gurpurb. |

## 37. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS FROM THE SERVICE OF THE HOUSE

| Sr. No. | Date | Names of Members suspended | Occasion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 15.09.2006 | Members of the House belonging to Shiromani Akali Dal and Bharatiya Janata Party, present in the House. | For deliberately obstructing the proceedings of the House against the repeated orders of the Chair and thereby committing the contempt of the House. |

## 38. UNPARLIAMENTARY/UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held as Unparliamentary/Undesirable. For details, reference may be made to the Resumes of various Sessions held during the period under review.

## 39. WIT AND HUMOUR

For Wit and Humour expressions, reference may be made to Resumes of various Sessions held during the period under review.

# APPENDIX-I

(For reference, please see Item "I. Official Bills" under the heading 'Legislation' at page 3 ante)

List of Bills which were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period under review.

**First Session, 2002**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2002.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) (No. 2) Bill, 2002.

**Second Session, 2002**

1. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2002.

2. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 2002.

3. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2002.

4. The Punjab Infrastructure (Development & Regulation) Bill, 2002.

5. The Punjab Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2002.

6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2002.

**Third Session, 2002**

NIL

**Fourth Session, 2003**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2003.

2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2003.

3. The Punjab Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays and Casual and Sick Leave) Amendment Bill, 2003.

4. The Punjab Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

5. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

6. The Punjab Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

7. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

8. The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Amendment Bill, 2003.

9. The Punjab State Election Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

10. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

11. The Punjab Regional Town Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

12. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

13. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers' Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

14. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Salaries and Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 2003.

15. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2003.

16. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

17. The Salary and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

**Fifth Session, 2003**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2003.

2. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Second Amendment) Bill, 2003.

3. The Salary and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly (Second Amendment) Bill, 2003.
4. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2003.
5. The Punjab Infrastructure (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2003.
6. The Punjab Privately Managed Recognised Schools Employees (Security of Service) Amendment Bill, 2003.
7. The Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill, 2003.
8. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 2003.
9. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2003.

**Sixth Session, 2004**

1. The Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2004.
2. The Punjabi University (Amendment) Bill, 2004.
3. The Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar (Amendment) Bill, 2004.
4. The Punjab Dairy Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 2004.
5. The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2004.
6. The Punjab Health Systems Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2004.
7. The Punjab One-Time Voluntary Disclosure and Settlement of Violations of the Buildings constructed in Violation of the Building Bye-Laws in the Corporations and the Municipalities Bill, 2004.
8. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Salaries and Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 2004.
9. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2004.
10. The Punjab Entertainment Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2004.
11. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

12. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2004.

13. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2004.

14. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2004.

15. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 2004.

16. The Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes Bill, 2004.

**Seventh Session, 2004**

1. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

2. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

3. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2004.

4. The Punjab Termination of Agreements Bill, 2004.

**Eighth Session, 2004**

1. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

2. The Punjab Pay Scales of Teachers Bill, 2004.

3. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

4. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 2004.

5. The Salary and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 2004.

**Ninth Session, 2005**

1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2005.

2. The Punjab Value Added Tax Bill, 2005.

3. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2005.

4. The Punjab Electricity (Duty) Bill, 2005.
5. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2005.
6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2005.
7. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2005.
8. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 2005.
9. The Punjab Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2005.
10. The Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Bill, 2005.
11. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Third Amendment) Bill, 2005.
12. The Haryana and Punjab Agricultural Universities (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2005.

**Tenth Session, 2005**

1. The Punjab Plastic Carry Bags (Manufacture, Usage and Disposal) Control Bill, 2005.
2. The Punjab District Planning Committees Bill, 2005.
3. The Lovely Professional University Bill, 2005.
4. The Punjab School Education Board (Amendment) Bill, 2005.
5. The Punjab Mechanical Vehicles (Bridges and Roads Tolls) Amendment Bill, 2005.
6. The Punjab Roads and Bridges Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 2005.
7. The Punjab Technical University (Amendment) Bill, 2005.
8. The Punjab Tax on Lotteries Bill, 2005.
9. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2005.
10. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2005.

11. The Punjab Industrial Facilitation Bill, 2005.

12. The Punjab Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2005.

**Eleventh Session, 2006**

1. The Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

2. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

3. The Punjab Entertainment Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Amendment Bill, 2006.

4. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

5. The Punjab Self-Supporting Co-operative Societies Bill, 2006.

6. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2006.

7. The Punjab Lokpal (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

8. The Motor Vehicles (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2006.

9. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2006.

10. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

11. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2006.

12. The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

13. The Punjab Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

14. The Punjab Private Health Sciences Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission, Fixation of Fee and Making of Reservation) Bill, 2006.

15. The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Bill, 2006.

**Twelfth Session, 2006**

1. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2006.

2. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

3. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

4. The Punjab Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

5. The Punjab Municipal Fund Bill, 2006.

6. The Punjab State Vigilance Commission Bill, 2006.

7. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

8. The Punjab Plastic Carry Bags (Manufacture, Usage and Disposal) Control (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

9. The Punjab School Teachers' Re-employment Bill, 2006.

10. The Punjab Private Health Sciences Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission, Fixation of Fee and Making of Reservation) Amendment Bill, 2006.

11. The Punjab Herd Registration Bill, 2006.

12. The Punjab Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

13. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2006.

14. The Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

15. The Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Bill, 2006.

16. The Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill, 2006.

17. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2006.

18. The Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (Second Amendment) Bill, 2006.

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## APPENDIX-II

(For reference please see "Non-Official Resolutions" at page 9 ante)

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Steps to prevent abuse of drugs amongst Punjabis | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to prevent the abuse of drugs amongst Punjabis, Particularly the youth. | 13.6.2002 | Carried unanimously. |
| 2. | Setting up of Special Vigilance Courts at the district level in the State | This House recommends to the State Government to set up Special Vigilance Courts at the District level in the State for speedy trial of curruption cases. | 13.6.2002 | Talked out. |
| 3. | Expressing solidarity with the State Government in its crusade against corruption | This House unanimously places on record its appreciation of the efforts made by theState Government to root out corruption that had grown like cancer, eating into the vitals of our society.<br>This august House resolves to stand as one to urge every section of the society to contribute in this endeavor and explicitly expresses its solidarity with the | 20.6.2002 | Talked out. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | State Government to continue its fight against corruption till it is completely rooted out. | | |
| 4. | Eradication of unemployment | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps for imparting Technical Education and giving loans on comparatively lower lower rates of interest with an aim to generate alternative jobs and avenues in place of Government jobs in order to eradicate unemployment in the State. | 20.3.2003 | Talked out. |
| 5. | Stray cattle menace | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to check the menace of stray cattle on the roads of various cities in the State leading to many road accidents. | 25.3.2003 | Talked out. |
| 6. | Implementation of policies for the Welfare of SCs and BCs and EWSs | This House recommends to the State Government to review its existing policies for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections of the Society in the State and take further effective steps for their proper implementation to achieve the targeted results. | 17.6.2004 | Carried unanimously. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | Raising the standard of Elementary Education in schools | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to raise the standard of Elementary Education in schools with a view to provide standardized education to the children of the common people, particularly to the weaker sections of the Society in the State. | 17.6.2004 | Talked out. |
| 8. | Implementation of laws on food adulteration | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to control the growing incidents of food adulteration in the State by ensuring strict implementation of existing laws. | 22.6.2004 | Carried unanimously. |
| 9. | Abuse of intoxicants/ drugs amongst youths | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate steps for prevention of the abuse of intoxicants/drugs among the youths in the State. | 24.3.2005 | Talked out. |
| 10. | Installation of Sewerage Water Treatment Plants in the State | This House recommends to the State Government to take effective steps to install Sewerage Water Treatment Plants at appropriate places to check the water pollution due to the discharge of sullage water from the cities into the rivers in the State. | 31.3.2005 | Talked out. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11. | Steps to check the contamination of water in the State | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate effective steps to check the contamination of of running in the canals/rivulets/rivers due to the discharge of urban filth and industrial waste in the State. | 13.10.2005 | Talked out. |
| 12. | Ensuring accountability of the Executive towards the Legislature | This House recommends to the State Government to take necessary steps to ensure accountability of the Executive steps to ensure accountability of the towards the Legislature effectively. | 23.2.2006 | Talked out. |
| 13. | Receding of underground water level in the State | This House recommends to the State Government to take appropriate and effective steps to prevent the receding of underground water level in the State. | 1.3.2006 | No Member participated in the discussion. |
| 14. | Release of prisoners of 1971 war lodged in the Pakistan jaisls | This House recommends to the State Government to approach the Union Government to take the matter regarding release of 54 prisoners of 1971 war lodged in the Pakistan jails. | 9.3.2006 | Carried unanimously. |
| 15. | Area under forest | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate and effective steps for bringing more area under | 9.3.2006 | Carried unanimously. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | forest cover, in order to curb the dreadful fatal effects of the ever-increasing pollution in the State. | | |
| 16. | Seeking clemency for Sarbjit Singh | This House recommends unanimously to the State Government to approach the Union Government to take up at the appropriate level the matter of seeking clemency for Sarbjit Singh who has been tried under the mistaken identity Singh and has been held responsible for acts not carried out by him. The matter is most urgent as his appeal has been rejected by the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the appeal lies only with the President of Pakistan. | 10.3.2006 | Carried |

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# PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

## REVIEW
## OF
## WORK DONE BY THE
## PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA
## During the Years 2007-2012
## (15-3-2007 to 6-3-2012)




PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA SECRETARIAT, CHANDIGARH
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# PREFACE

The following pages contain the factual information in a consolidated form in regard to the business transacted by the Thirteenth Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 15th March, 2007 to 6th March, 2012. Detailed information regarding some of the items has not been included in this volume because that is available in the Resume of different Sessions held from time to time, copies of which have already been circulated.

It is hoped that this publication, reviewing the work done by the Thirteenth Vidhan Sabha, as it does within the compass of a single volume, would prove useful.

Chandigarh : **VED PARKASH**
The November, 2013 SECRETARY.

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## 1. THE ASSEMBLY – ITS COMPOSITION AND SESSIONS

The Thirteenth Vidhan Sabha consisted of 117 Members elected from 117 Constituencies. It met for the first time on 15.3.2007.

During the period under review i.e. from 15th March, 2007 to 6th March, 2012, eleven seats were rendered vacant. Out of these 11 seats, two seats were rendered vacant due to election of Sardar Partap Singh Bajwa and Sardar Sher Singh Ghobaya, MLA's as Members of Parliament and five seats due to passing away of Sardar Raminder Singh Bolaria, Captain Kanwaljit Singh, Sardar Gurdip Singh Bhullar, Sardar Jitinder Singh Kariha and Sardar Kanwarjit Singh MLA's and four seats due to resignations of Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal, Sardar Jagbir Singh Brar, Shri Harish Rai Dhanda and Dr. Dalbir Singh Verka, MLAs. Sardar Sewa Singh Sekhwan, Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal, Sardar Jasjit Singh Bunny, Sardar Inderbir Singh Bolaria and Smt. Rajwinder Kaur Bhullar were elected in the bye-elections held from time to time.

Captain Amarinder Singh,MLA was expelled from the membership of the Punjab Vadhan Sabha on 10th September, 2008, as per recommendations of the Special Committee of the House constituted to enquire into the matter in relation to the exemption of a vacant plot of land measuring 32.10 acre on Jalandhar-Amritsar Road. Later on, he was reinstated by an order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 26th April, 2010.

Under Article 180(1) of the Constitution of India, the Governor appointed Sardar Nirmal Singh Kahlon, a Member of the Thirteenth Vidhan Sabha, to perform the duties of the office of the Speaker (Speaker Pro tem) till a Speaker was chosen under Article 178 vide his order dated 5th March, 2007. Subsequently, Sardar Nirmal Singh Kahlon was elected as Speaker on the 16th March, 2007 (F.N).

Shri Satpal Gosain, (another Member of theThirteenthVidhan Sabha, was elected as Deputy Speaker on 16th March, 2007(F.N)).

Shri Satpal Gosain, Deputy Speaker, resigned from the office of the Deputy Speaker on 14-5-2011, on his being inducted as Cabinet Minister and

in his place Shri Chuni Lal Bhagat, MLA was elected as Deputy Speaker on 13.6.2011.

During the period under review, the Vidhan Sabha held in all 88 sittings spread over in thirteenth Sessions, as follows:-

| Year | 1st Session (Sittings) | 2nd Session (Sittings) | 3rd Session (Sittings) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 20 |
| 2008 | 13 | 3 | - | 16 |
| 2009 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 16 |
| 2010 | 14 | 4 | - | 18 |
| 2011 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 18 |
| | | | Grand Total | 88 |

These 88 sittings do not include the days when the Governor addressed the Members of the ThirteenthVidhan Sabha during the period under review.

All the meetings of the Vidhan Sabha were held in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Hall, Vidhan Bhawan, Chandigarh.

## 2. GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL ADDRESSES

There were five Special Addresses of the Governor to the Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha beginning with the First Session of the Vidhan Sabha in March, 2007. Each Address was discussed on Motion of Thanks to which amendments were proposed. The period of discussion is given below:-

| Year | Period of Discussion | No. of amendments moved |
|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 3 days | - |
| 2008 | 3 days | - |
| 2009 | 3 days | - |
| 2010 | 3 days | - |
| 2011 | 3 days | - |

The Motions of Thanks were carried in the form in which these were moved.

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## 3. LEGISLATION

### I. OFFICIAL BILLS

The Thirthneeth Vidhan Sabha passed 127 Bills, the year-wise break-up being as follows:-

| Year | No. of Bills |
|---|---|
| 2007 | 21 |
| 2008 | 17 |
| 2009 | 23 |
| 2010 | 30 |
| 2011 | 36 |
| Total | 127 |

Out of 127 Bills, New Bills, Amending Bills, Appropriation Bills and Repeal Bills were 20 (two bills were withdrawn), 90,14 and 3 respectively.

The New Bills and the Amending Bills covered a variety of subjects. A list of Bills passed in the various Sessions is given in Appendix-I. For synopsis of these Bills, references may be made to the Resume of the concerned Sessions.

The Appropriation Bill dealt with the Appropriation of moneys voted by the Vidhan Sabha, whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries, the figures being Rs. 2761,24,98,000/- for the year 2006-07 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs. 6945,53,42,000/- (Vote-on-Account) for three months viz. April, May and June, 2007; Rs. 30468,74,51,000/-for the year 2007-08 (Budget Estimates), Rs.12,74,49,80,000/- for the year 2007-08 (Supplementary Estimates); Rs.3,15,68,59,42,000/- for the year 2008-09 (Budget Estimates), Rs. 5,66,84,58,862/- for the year 2000-01,Rs. 386,23,47,897/- for the year 2001-02,Rs. 2,89,84,84,271/- for the year 2002-03 and Rs. 1,94,45,75,362/- for

the year 2003-04 (Excess Demands), Rs. 3100,57,35,000/- for the year 2008-09 (Supplementary Estimates),, Rs,11395,23,49,000/- (Vote-on-Account) for four months viz, April, May,June and July 2009, Rs.40268,99,96,000/- for the year 2009-10 (Budget Estimates),Rs. 16,76,89,27,000/- for the year 2009-10 (Supplementary Estimates), Rs.43925,21,66,000/- for the year 2010-11, (Budget Estimates). Rs. 2779,03,79,000/- for the year 2010-11 (Supplementary Estimates). Rs. 48594,84,09,000/- for the year 2011-12(Budget Estimates), Rs. 395,51,74,377/- for the year 2004-05, Rs. 65,65,49,003/- for the year 2005-06 and Rs. 3753,41,67,228/- for the year 2006-07 (Excess Demands).

The total number of amendments received in respect of the said Bills, except the Appropriation Bills were six. All these were from the Treasury Benches.

## II. NON-OFFICIAL BILL

A notice of The Punjab Library and Information Services Bill, 2010 was received from Sardar Makhan Singh MLA but was disallowed by the Hon'ble Speaker.

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## 4. QUESTIONS

The following Table gives the information about Questions of the13th Punjab Vidhan Sabha (2007-2012) :-

### STARRED QUESTIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total No. of Notices of Starred Questions received | : | 3633 |
| 2. | Total No. of Notices of Starred Questions admitted | : | 2274 |
| 3. | Total No. of Starred Questions answered orally | : | 913 |
| 4. | Total No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 | : | 196 |
| 5. | Total No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | : | 700 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Total No. of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the notice period, etc. | : | 202 |

**UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total No. of Notices of Unstarred Questions received | : | 129 |
| 2. | Total No. of Notices of Unstarred Questions admitted | : | 469 |
| 3. | Total No. of Unstarred Questions answered | : | 427 |
| 4. | Total No. of Starred Questions which were admitted but could not be included in the list of Questions because of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the notice period, etc. | : | -- |

**SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total No. of Short Notice Questions received | : | 16 |
| 2. | Total No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | : | 3 |
| 3. | Total No. of Short Notice Questions answered | : | - |
| 4. | Total No of Short Notice Questions which were disallowed/referred back. | : | 7 |

The year-wise breakup of Questions may be seen in the following Table:-

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# TABLE

| Year | No. of Starred Questions given notice of | No. of Starred Questions admitted | No. of Starred Questions answered | No. of Supple-mentaries | No. of Starred Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 38 · | No. of Unstarred Questions converted as such from being Starred Questions | No. of Unstarred Questions given notice of | No. of Unstarred Questions admitted | No. of Unstarred Questions answered | No. of Short Notice Questions given notice of | No. of Short Notice Questions admitted | No. of Short Notice Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 2007 | 513 | 357 | 165 | 395 | 36 | 72 | 56 | 78 | 71 | 6 | 1 | - |
| 2008 | 610 | 341 | 210 | 426 | 18 | 45 | 7 | 81 | 69 | 6 | 1 | - |
| 2009 | 902 | 545 | 144 | 284 | 24 | 196 | 8 | 100 | 88 | 2 | - | - |
| 2010 | 739 | 522 | 212 | 369 | 61 | 177 | 2 | 87 | 83 | 2 | 1 | - |
| 2011 | 869 | 509 | 182 | 360 | 57 | 210 | 56 | 123 | 116 | - | - | - |

xx: 347 Starred Question were admitted as Unstarred Questions by the Hon'ble Speaker.

## RESOLUTIONS

### I. Official

Thirty-four Official Resolutions were discussed and carried during the period under review. The subject matter of each and the date of discussion and its being carried are given below:-

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Resolution regarding enhancement of maximum borrowing limit of loan to the Punjab State Electricty Board under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. | 29.3.2007 |
| 2. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2007-08. | 29.3.2007 |
| 3, | Resolution regarding arising of situation due to death sentence given to Sardar Sarabjit Singh in Pakistan. | 17.3.2008 |
| 4.. | Resolution regarding postponment of Panchayats, Elections | 19.3.2008 |
| 5. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2008-09. | 25.3.2008 |
| 6. | Resolution regarding implementing the use of Punjabi language in Administrative work of the Punjab State. | 25.3.2008 |
| 7. | Resolution regarding teaching of the Punjabi language as a compulsory subject in all the schools of Punjab till 10th Class. | 25.3.2008 |

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8. | Resolution regarding including and connecting the towns of Sultanpur Lodhi (District Kapurthala) and Dera Baba Nanak (District Gurdaspur) with Sri Guru Gobind Singh Marg. | 25.3.2008 |
| 9. | Resolution congratulating the teachers on Teacher's day. | 5.9.2008 |
| 10. | Resolution appreciating Shri Abhinav Bindra, the winner of Gold Medal, Shri Sushil Kumar and Shri Vijender Kumar, the winner of Bronze medal in the Olympic Games. | 5.9.2008 |
| 11. | Resolution regarding expulsion of Captain Amarinder Singh, MLA from the membership of the House for the remaining period of its term as per the recommendations of the Special Committee of the House to enquire into the matter pertaining to the exemption of a vacant plot of land measuring 32.10 acres on the Jalandhar-Amritsar Road. | 10.9.2008 |
| 12. | Resolution regarding the tragic sanguinary attack on the Sri Lankan Cricket Team in Lahore, Pakistan. | 4.3.2009 |
| 13. | Resolution regarding the matter pertaining to the imposition of a ban by the Government of France on the School/College going Children, from wearing turbans. | 4.3.2009 |
| 14. | Resolution regarding the prices of the agricultural produce to be always fixed in conformity with the recommendations of the world-renowned. | 4.3.2009 |

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | agricultural scientist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan and making diesel available to the farmers at price of 25 % less than that of its prevailing market price, besides bringing down the rate of interest for agricultural requirements to a maximum of 4%. | |
| 15. | Resolution regarding message of congratulation to be sent to Shri Kanwaljit Singh Garewal, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court on getting empanelled at the United Nations. | 4.3.2009 |
| 16. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committes of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2009-10. | 9.3.2009 |
| 17. | Resolution regarding increase in the prices of Petrol and Diesel by the Centr Government. | 9.7.2009 (Afternoon Sitting) Central |
| 18. | Resolution regarding condemnation of the indecent behaviour with some members of Shiromani Akali Dal by the Opposition Party and Independent Members. | 10.12.2009 |
| 19. | Resolution regarding breach of Privilege of Hon'ble Speaker and the august House by the Leader of the Opposition. | 10.12.2009 |
| 20. | Ratification of amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of Clause (d) of the proviso to Clause (2) of Article 368 proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2009, as passed by both the Houses of Parliament. | 11.12.2009 |

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 21. | Resolution regarding implementation of Punjabi language as primary language in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. | 15.3.2010 |
| 22. | Resolution regarding giving the Punjabi language a status of second language in all those States wherein Punjabis are settled as a major proportion of the total pupulation and making its teaching mandatory. | 18.3.2010 |
| 23. | Resolution regarding restoration of due share of Punjab as per provisions of the approved agreement at the time of re-organization of the States at the ratio of 60:40 to Punjab and Haryana respectively. | 18.3.2010 |
| 24. | Resolution expressing thanks to Doctor Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India and Shri Shivraj V. Patil, Hon'ble Governor relating to Gurta Gaddi Divas celebrations and Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Agriculture Minister by coming to the rescue of the farmer by enhancing the damage limit of the paddy. | 25.3.2010 |
| 25. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2010-11. | 26.3.2010 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 26. | Resolution thanking the Central Environment Minister, Shri Jai Ram Ramesh for his whole hearted assistance to the scheme to make the State of Punjab pollution free. | 30.9.2010 |

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 27. | Resolution regarding paying compensation @ Rs. 15,000/- per acre to the farmers for the damage caused to the crops by the floods due to torrential rains this year and also grant permission to expend 20% once and 10% every year out of the Natural Calamity Relief Fund for preventive measures. | 1.10.2010 |
| 28. | Resolution regarding providing an uninterrupted passage to the devotees from Dera Baba Nanak (District Gurdaspur) to Sri Kartarpur Sahib, Pakistan. | 1.10.2010 |
| 29. | Resolution regarding giving more rights to the State Government and adopt such policies that strengthen the federal structure of the Country. | 1.10.2010 |
| 30. | Resolution regarding withdrawal of exemption of excise duty on branded apparels and levy of 1% excise duty on sewing machine, parts etc. | 11.3.2011 (Afternoon Sitting) |
| 31. | Resolution regarding bringing back the black money from foreign banks and exposing the people involved in such malpractices before the people of the Country. | 15.3.2011 |
| 32. | Resolution expressing deep grief and sorrow over the unfortunate incidents of devastation caused by dreadful earthquake, tsunami and leakage of Nuclear Radiation in Japan. | 15.3.2011 |
| 33. | Resolution regarding nomination of the Elected Committees of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 2011-12. | 25.3.2011 |

| Sr. No. | Subject | Date on which discussed and carried |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 34. | Resolution regarding immediate rollback of illogical price rise of fertilizers by the Central Government. | 8.10.2011 (Afternoon Sitting) |

## II. NON-OFFICIAL

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions received : | 857 |
| Total number of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions admitted : | 761 |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions discussed : | 21 |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions carried/passed : | 16 |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions withdrawn : | - |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions lost : | - |
| Total number of Non-Official Resolutions on which no decision was taken but lapsed : | 740 |

**The year-wise receipt of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions is as follows :-**

| Year | | Number of Notices of Non-Official Resolutions received |
|---|---|---|
| 2007 | .. | 120 |
| 2008 | .. | 191 |
| 2009 | .. | 116 |
| 2010 | .. | 212 |
| 2011 | .. | 218 |

**The year-wise number of Non-Official Resolutions discussed is as follows :-**

| Year | | Number of Non-Official Resolutions discussed |
|---|---|---|
| 2007 | .. | 3 |
| 2008 | .. | 5 |
| 2009 | .. | 4 |
| 2010 | .. | 6 |
| 2011 | .. | 3 |

The subject matter of each Non-Official Resolution which was discussed as well as information about what happened to it, is given in Appendix-II with appropriate remarks.

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## 6. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Total number of Notices of Adjournment Motions received during the period under review was 12 (4 in 2007; 2 in 2008; 3 in 2009; 1 in 2010 and 2 in 2011).

All these motions were mentioned in the House and disallowed.

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## 7.CUT MOTIONS

Five notices of Cut Motions were received in 2010 during the period. All these motions were mentioned in the House and disallowed.

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## 8.NO CONFIDENCE MOTION

No notice of "No Confidence Motion" against the Ministry was received during the period under Review.

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## 9. CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES UNDER RULE 66

Attention of the Government was drawn to as many as 351 matters relating to different subjects through Calling Attention Notices under Rule 66. Session-wise break-up of those Calling Attention Notices is as under :-

| Sr. No. | Session | No. of Calling Attention Notices |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1st Session, 2007 | 12 |
| 2. | 2nd Session, 2007 | 19 |
| 3. | 3rd Session, 2007 | 12 |
| 4. | 4th Session, 2008 | 59 |
| 5. | 5th Session, 2008 | 15 |
| 6. | 6th Session, 2009 | 27 |
| 7. | 7th Session, 2009 | 28 |
| 8. | 8th Session, 2009 | 12 |
| 9. | 9th Session, 2010 | 57 |
| 10. | 10th Session, 2010 | 27 |
| 11. | 11th Session, 2011 | 69 |
| 12. | 12th Session, 2011 | NIL |
| 13. | 13th Session, 2011 | 14 |
| | **Total** | **351** |

Note:- For detail, reference may be made to the Resume of the concerned Session.

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## 10. DISCUSSION ON MOTION UNDER RULE 77

During the period under review, Notice of only one Motion under Rule 77 was received in 13th Session, 2011.

The Notice of Motion under Rule 77 was given by Sardar Sukhpal Singh Khaira ,MLA regarding discussion on Transport Policy of the State, but the same was disallowed by the Hon'ble Speaker.

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## 11. QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Total number of three Notices seeking to raise Questions of Privilege in the House (one in 2007; one in 2008; one in 2009) were received. Out of these three Notices, one was disposed of in the House and two notices were referred to the Committee of the Privileges during the period under review.

## 12. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets were presented for the amounts detailed below :-

| Year | Amount (in Rupees) |
|---|---|
| 2007-08 | Rs.37414,27,93,000/- |
| 2008-09 | Rs.3,15,68,59,42,000/- |
| 2009-10 | Rs.51664,23,45,000/- |
| 2010-11 | Rs.43925,21,66,000/- |
| 2011-12 | Rs.48594,84,09,000/- |

## EXCESS DEMANDS OVER GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Excess Demands over Grants for the years given below and the Demands for the amounts shown against each year were carried on the dates given in the table below :-

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Discussed and Carried on |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2000-01 | Rs. 5,66,84,58,862/- | 25.3.2008 | 25.3.2008 |
| 2001-02 | Rs. 3,86,23,47,897/- | 25.3.2008 | 25.3.2008 |
| 2002-03 | Rs. 2,89,84,84,271/- | 25.3.2008 | 25.3.2008 |
| 2003-04 | Rs. 1,94,45,75,362/- | 25.3.2008 | 25.3.2008 |
| 2004-05 | Rs. 395,51,74,377/- | 25.3.2011 | 25.3.2011 |
| 2005-06 | Rs. 65,65,49,003/- | 25.3.2011 | 25.3.2011 |
| 2006-07 | Rs. 3753,41,67,228/- | 25.3.2011 | 25.3.2011 |

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Five Supplementary Estimates were presented to and voted by the Vidhan Sabha for the amounts as mentioned below :-

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Date on which Appropriation Bills passed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2006-07 | Rs. 2761,24,98,000/- | 29.3.2007 | 29.3.2007 |

| Year | Amount | Date of Presentation | Discussed and Carried on |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2007-08 | Rs. 1274,49,80,000/- | 14.3.2008 | 14.3.2008 |
| 2008-09 | Rs. 3100,57,35,000/- | 9.3.2009 | 9.3.2009 |
| 2009-10 | Rs. 1676,89,27,000/- | 15.3.2010 | 15.3.2010 |
| 2010-11 | Rs. 2779,03,79,000/- | 11.3.2011 (Afternoon Sitting) | 11.3.2011 (Afternoon Sitting) |

## 13.SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

No Substantive Motion was received from any Member during the years 2007-08,2008-09,2009-10,2010-11 and 2011-12.

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## 14. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

The Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Ministers made seven Statements on the floor of the House on different matters and on different occasions, the detail of which is as under :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Minister | ... | 5 |
| Deputy Chief Minister | ... | 1 |
| Local Govt. Industries & Commerce Minister | ... | 1 |
| Total | ... | 7 |

In addition, 75 Statements were made in the House by the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and various Ministers in reply to Calling Attention Notices. For the subject matter of these Statements, a reference may be made to the Resume of the Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 15. STATEMENTS MADE IN REPLY TO MATTERS RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

The Chief Minister/ Deputy Chief Minister /Ministers made Statements in reply to various matters raised during Zero Hour on 21.6.2007, 4.3.2008, 10.3.2008, 11.3.2008, 12.3.2008, 13.3.2008, 18.3.2008, 19.3.2008, 20.3.2008, 24.3.2008, 25.3.2008, 5.9.2008, 10.9.2008, 4.3.2009, 5.3.2009, 6.3.2009, 9.3.2009, 9.7.2009 (M.S), 9.7.2009 (A.S.), 10.7.2009, 11.7.2009, 8.3.2010,9.3.2010,12.3.2010, 15.3.2010, 26.3.2010 (M.S), 26.3.2010 (A.S) 29.9.2010, 30.9.2010, 8.3.2011, 10.3.2011,11.3.2011 (M.S),15.3.2011,18.3.2011,24.3.2011,25.3.2011,26.3.2011, and 5.10.2011 for which reference may be made to the Debates of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 16. FIGURES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE AND TIME TAKEN THEREON

The total number of speeches made during the period under review was 617. The time taken thereon was 152 Hours 48 ½ Minutes in 13 Sessions with 88 sittings excluding the ones when the Governor addressed the Vidhan Sabha. Out of these speeches, 173 were made by the Members of Treasury Benches (excluding Ministers), 174 by Ministers, 221 by Indian National Congress Party and 49 by Independents, the time taken in each case being 43 Hours 17 1/2 Minutes, 50 Hours 41 Minutes, 52 Hours 12 Minutes and 6 Hours 38 Minutes, respectively.

The year-wise break-up of the above figures is given in the following Statement :-

# STATEMENT

| Year | Session | No. of Sittings | Number of Speeches made by: Treasury Benches: Members excluding Ministers | Treasury Benches: Ministers | INC | Independents | Time taken by: Treasury Benches: Members excluding Ministers (H.M) | Treasury Benches: Ministers (H.M) | INC (H.M) | Independents (H.M) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007 | I | 7 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 2.42 | 5.00 | 4.47 | 0.19 |
| 2007 | II | 9 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 3.25 | 5.48 | 5.06 | 0.36 |
| 2007 | III | 4 | 5 | 21 | 14 | 2 | 0.36 | 2.36 | 2.45 | 0.13 |
| 2008 | IV | 13 | 36 | 22 | 32 | 7 | 8.46½ | 7.50 | 10.23 | .00 |
| 2008 | V | 3 | - | 8 | 5 | 1 | - | 0.65 | 0.45 | 0.13 |
| 2009 | VI | 5 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 4.56 | 5.34 | 0.19 | 0.15 |
| 2009 | VII | 7 | 14 | 12 | 29 | 5 | 4.36 | 3.27 | 6.33 | 1.05 |

| Number of Speeches made by | | | | | | | Time taken by | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Session | No. of Sittings | Treasury Benches | | INC | Independents | Treasury Benches | | INC | Independents |
| | | | Members excluding Ministers | Ministers | | | Members excluding Ministers | Ministers | | |
| | | | | | | | H.M | H.M | H.M | H.M |
| 2009 | VIII | 4 | - | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 0.28 | 0.15 | 0.9 |
| 2010 | IX | 14 | 39 | 31 | 41 | 10 | 8.27 | 6.55 | 10.06 | 1.26 |
| 2010 | X | 4 | 10 | 11 | 27 | 4 | 1.17 | 3.43 | 03.18 | 0.16 |
| 2011 | XI | 13 | 30 | 18 | 38 | 6 | 8.32 | 6.59 | 7.08 | 0.51 |
| 2011 | XII | 1 | - | 5 | 2 | - | - | 0.35 | 0.13 | - |
| 2011 | XIII | 4 | - | 4 | 7 | 4 | - | 0.41 | 0.34 | 0.15 |
| | | 88 | 173 | 174 | 221 | 49 | 43.17½ | 50.41 | 52.12 | 6.38 |

Note :-The figures in the above statement do not include the time taken by the Speaker on his Observations/Rulings, Adjournment Motions, Calling Attention Notices, Privilege Motions, Points of Order, Motions in respect of Legislations, Personal Explanations, Congratulatory Speeches, Presentation of Reports and such Other Papers, etc..

## 17. WALK-OUTS

In all, there were 27 Walkouts by individual Members/Members of different Groups during the period under review. The Table below gives the Session-wise figures :-

| Sr.No. | Session | No. of Walk-outs |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | First Session, 2007 | 2 |
| 2. | Budget (Second) Session, 2007 | 2 |
| 3. | Winter (Third) Session, 2007 | 1 |
| 4. | Budget (Fourth) Session, 2008 | 4 |
| 5. | Fifth Session, 2008 | 2 |
| 6. | Sixth Session, 2009 | 2 |
| 7. | Seventh Session, 2009 | 1 |
| 8. | Eighth Session, 2009 | 1 |
| 9. | Ninth Session, 2010 | 3 |
| 10. | Tenth Session, 2010 | 1 |
| 11. | Eleventh Session, 2011 | 7 |
| 12. | Twelfth Session, 2011 | 1 |
| 13 | Thirteenth Session, 2011 | 1 |
| | Total | 28 |

## 18. COMMITTEES

In the year 2007, there was provision in the Rules for the following Committees:-

1. Business Advisory Committee
2. Committee on Public Accounts
3. Committee on Estimates

4. Committee on Public Undertakings
5. Rules Committee
6. Committee of Privileges
7. Committee on Government Assurances
8. Committee on Subordinate Legislation
9. General Purposes Committee
10. Library Committee
11. House Committee
12. Committee on Petitions
13. Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes
14. Committee on Papers Laid/To be Laid on the Table
15. Questions and References Committee
16. Committee on Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions
17. Committee of the House to enquire into the matter in relation to the exmption of a vacant plot of land measuring 32.10 acres on Jalandhar-Amritsar Road.
18. Committee of the House to give appropriate recommendations to tackle the menace of stray dogs in the State.
19. Committee of the House to examine the pollution being created by the sugar mills and distilleries in the State.
20. Committee of the House regarding subsidy on seed of wheat pertaining to Starred Question No. 2061.
21. Committee of the House to tackle the serious menace of road accidents in the State.

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The various Committees of the 13th Vidhan Sabha i.e. from 2007-08 to 2011-12 were nominated in accordance with the Resolutions adopted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on the 29th March, 2007, 25th March, 2008, 9th March, 2009, 20th March, 2010 and 25th March, 2011, respectively and the relevant Rules of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha ( Punjab Legislative Assembly). The Speaker appointed Chairmen of

the above said Committees under Rule 184(1) read with Rule 207 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly).

**The membership of these Committees is given below :-**

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee | Speaker as Ex-Officio Chairman and not more than five other Members. |
| 2. | Committee on Public Accounts | Thirteen Members. |
| 3. | Committee on Estimates | Thirteen Members. |
| 4. | Committee on Public Undertakings | Thirteen Members. |
| 5. | Rules Committee | Ten Members including the Speaker. |
| 6. | Committee of Privileges | Not more than twelve Members. |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | Not more than thirteen Members (including Advocate General). |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee | Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of Panel of Chairmen, Chairmen of all Committees, Leaders of recognised Parties and groups in the House and such other Members as may be nominated by the Speaker. |
| 10. | Library Committee | Nine Members. |
| 11. | House Committee | Deputy Speaker as Ex-officio Chairman and eight other Members. |
| 12. | Committee on Petitions | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 13. | Committee on the Welfare of | Thirteen Members. |

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee | 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | |
| 14. | Committee on Papers Laid / To be Laid on the Table | Not more than ten Members. |
| 15. | Questions and References Committee | Nine Members. |
| 16. | Committee on Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions | Not more than thirteen Members. |
| 17. | Committee of the House to enquire into the matter in relation to the exemption of a vacant plot of land measuring 32.10 acres on Jalandhar-Amritsar Road. | Nine Members |
| 18. | Committee of the House to give appropriate recommendations to tackle the menace of stray dogs in the State. | Three members |
| 19. | Committee of the House to examine the pollution being created by the sugar mills and distilleries in the State. | Three Members |
| 20. | Committee of the House regarding subsidy on seed of wheat pertaining to the Starred Question No. 2061. | Two Members |
| 21. | Committee of the House to tackle the serious menace of road accidents in the State. | Three Members |

**The total numbers of meetings held by various Committees year-wise alongwith number of Reports presented by each is given in the following Statement:-**

## STATEMENT

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee(s) | Number of Meetings | | | | | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| 1. | Business Advisory Committee | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| 2. | Committee on Public Accounts | 34 | 41 | 47 | 43 | 43 | 21 |
| 3. | Committee on Estimates | 56 | 49 | 25 | 48 | 34 | 14 |
| 4. | Committee on Public Undertakings | 51 | 45 | 38 | 60 | 54 | 15 |
| 5. | Rules Committee | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| 6. | Committee of Privileges | 31 | 23 | 29 | 23 | 16 | 9 |
| 7. | Committee on Government Assurances | 52 | 53 | 37 | 41 | 18 | 4 |
| 8. | Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 15 | 15 | 22 | 41 | 28 | 3 |
| 9. | General Purposes Committee | 4 | – | 1 | 1 | 18 | 2 |
| 10 | Library Committee | 35 | 4 | 27 | 22 | 19 | – |
| 11. | House Committee | 15 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 8 | – |
| 12. | Committee on Petitions | 52 | 46 | 40 | 49 | 22 | – |
| 13. | Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes | 43 | 62 | 44 | 48 | 32 | 2 |
| 14. | Committee on Papers Laid / To be Laid on the Table | 31 | 21 | 25 | 60 | 1 | 2 |

| Sr. No. | Name of the Committee(s) | Number of Meetings | | | | | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| 15. | Committee on Questions and References | 42 | 55 | 36 | 33 | 30 | – |
| 16. | Committee on Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions | 23 | 31 | 31 | 50 | 24 | 9 |
| 17. | Special Committee of the House to enquire into the exemption of a vacant plot of land measuring 32.10 Acres on Jalandhar-Amritsar Rad | – | 16 | – | – | – | 1 |
| 18. | Committee of the House to make appropriate recommendation to tackle the menace of stray dogs in the State | – | – | – | – | 10 | – |
| 19. | Committee of the House to examine the pollution being created by the sugar mills and distilleries in the State. | – | 15 | 8 | 12 | 1 | – |
| 20. | Committee of the House regarding subsidy on seed of wheat pertaining to Starred Question No. 2061 | – | – | – | – | 20 | – |
| 21. | Committee of the House to tackle the serious menace of road accidents in the State. | – | – | – | – | 8 | 1 |

* This Information is upto 6th March, 2012. when the Vidhan Sabha was dissolved.

## 19. BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the years 2007-08, 2008-09; 2009-10; 2010-11 and 2011-12, the Business Advisory Committee made recommendations regarding the date-wise programme, discussion on Demands for Grants and various other items of Business before the House. The Committee presented three,two,four,three and two Reports, respectively, to the House.

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## 20. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

1. The Membership of the Committee on Public Accounts from 2007-08 to 2011-12 was thirteen.

2. The Total number of meetings held year-wise along-with the number of Reports presented is given in the following Statement :-

**STATEMENT**

| Year | Number of Meetings held | Number of Reports presented |
|---|---|---|
| 2007-08 | 34 | 6 |
| 2008-09 | 41 | 4 |
| 2009-10 | 47 | 8 |
| 2010-11 | 43 | 3 |
| 2011-12 | 43 | Nil |

3.(i) The Committee for the year 2007-08 presented six Reports in the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report No.(s) | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 162nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of | 19.03.2008 |

| Sr. No. | Report No.(s) | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | Punjab for the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 and Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 (Civil) relating to Education Deptt. and Home Affairs and Justice Deptt. | |
| 2. | 163rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 2001-02 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2001-02 (Civil) relating to Rural Development and Panchayats Deptt. | 19.3.2008 |
| 3. | 164th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 2000-01and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2000-01(Civil) relating to Health and Family Welfare Deptt. and Public Health Deptt. | 24.3.2008 |
| 4. | 165th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1999-2000 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1999-2000 (Civil) relating to Health and Family Welfare Deptt. | 19.3.2008 |
| 5. | 166th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1995-96, 1996-97, 2000-01 and 2001-2002 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India | 24.03.2008 |

| Sr. No. | Report No.(s) | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | for the year 1995-96, 1996-97,2000-01 and 2001-02( Revenue Receipt) relating to the Forests Deptt. | |
| 6. | 167th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 2000-2001,2001-02 2002-03 and 2003-2004 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2000-01,2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (Civil) regularzation of the excess over grants | 24.3.2008 |

The Committee also scrutinized the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its Reports.

The Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Shimla. The Committee also visited Jaipur, Jodhpur and Mount Abu and exchanged views with its sister- Committee of Rajasthan Lsegislative Assembly on the scope and functions of the Committee.

(ii) The Committee for the year 2008-09 presented four Reports to the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report Nos. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of Presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 168th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 2002-03 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-2003(Civil) relating to Health and Family Welfare Deptt. | 09.03.2009 |

| Sr. No. | Report Nos. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of Presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2. | 169th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 2002-03 and 2005-06 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2002-03 and 2005-06 (Civil) relating to Agriculture Deptt. | 09.03.2009 |
| 3. | 170th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 2004-05 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2004-2005 (Civil) relating to Food and Supplies Department. | 09.03.2009 |
| 4. | 171st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1999-2000 and 2001-02 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1999-2000 and 2001-2002(Civil) relating to Science Technology and Environment & Non-Conventional Energy Department. | 09.03.2009 |

The Committee also scrutinized the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports and audit paragraphs contained in CAG's audit reports (Civil and Revenue Receipts). The Committee held meetings at New Delhi and Shimla. The Committee also appointed its one sub-Committee which presented 174th Report.

(iii) The Committee for the year 2009-10 presented eight Reports to the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report Nos. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 172nd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1999-2000 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1999-2000 (Civil) relating to Local Government Department. | 25.3.2010 |
| 2. | 173rd | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2000-01, 2001-02, and 2002-03 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department. | 25.3.2010 |
| 3. | 174th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 2002-03 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-03 (Civil) relating to Irrigation Department (Kandi Canal). | 25.3.2010 |
| 4. | 175th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 (Civil) relating to P.W.D. Department. | 25.3.2010 |
| 5. | 176th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the | 25.3.2011 |

| Sr. No. | Report Nos. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of Presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2000-01,2001-02, 2004-05 and 2005-06(Civil) relating toTechnical Education and Industrial Training Department. | |
| 6. | 177th | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1995-96, 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1995-96 ,1999-2000,2000-01 and 2001-02 (Civil) relating to Food and Supplies Department. | 25.3.2010 |
| 7. | 178th | Appropration Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the years 1997-98,1998-99,1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 and the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 (R.R.) relating to Transport Department | 26.03.2010 |
| 8. | 179th. | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1997-98 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year1997-98( R.R) relating to Excise & Taxtation Department. | 26.3.2010 |

The Committee also scrutinized statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its earlier Reports and Audit Paragraphs contained in CAG Audit Reports (Civil and Revenue Receipts).

The Committee held its meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Hoshiarpur and Nangal.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2010-11 presented eight Reports to the House as detailed below :-

| Sr. No. | Report No. | Subject matter of the Report | Date of presentation to the House |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 180th | General Report on out-standing audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Civil and Revenue Receipts) | 24.3.2011 |
| 2. | 181st | Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 2008-09 and the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2008-09 (R.R)relating to Excise & Taxation Department. | 24.3.2011 |
| 3. | 182nd | Report of Committee on Public Accounts on the action taken by various Government Departments on the recommendations contained in its 127th, 128th, 130th, 137th, 139th, 143rd, 153rd,158th, and 168th Reports. | 24.3.2011 |

The Committee also scrutinized the statements showing the details of action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various earlier Reports and audit paragraphs contained in CAG's audit reports (Civil and Revenue Receipts)

The Committee held its meetings at New Delhi and Shahpur Kandi.

(v) The Committee for the year 2011-12 scrutinized the replies received from the different departments in respect of Paragraphs appearing in the various Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India as detailed below:-

| Sr No. | Department | Year of the Audit Report |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | IRRIGATION | 1994-95 (Civil) |
| | | 2000-01 (Civil) |
| | | 2001-02 (Civil) |
| | | 2002-03 (Civil) |
| | | 2004-05 (Civil) |
| | | 2005-06 (Civil) |
| | | 2006-07 (Civil) |
| 2. | HOME AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE | 1995-96 (Civil) |
| | | 1997-98 (Civil) |
| | | 2000-01 (Civil) |
| | | 2003-04 (Civil) |
| | | 2005-06 (Civil) |
| | | 2006-07 (Civil) |
| | | 2008-09 (Civil) |
| 3. | EXCISE & TAXATION | 1993-1994 |
| | | 1999-2000 |
| | | 2003-04 (R.R.) |
| | | 2004-05 (R.R.) |
| | | 2006-07 (R.R.) |
| | | 2007-08 (R.R.) |
| | | 2008-09 (R.R.) |
| 4. | INDUSTRY | 2008-09 (Civil) |
| 5. | HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE | 1996-97 (Civil) |
| | | 1997-98 (Civil) |
| | | 1998-99 (Civil) |

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|---|---|
| | 1999-2000 (Civil) |
| | 2008-09 (Civil) |
| 6. WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION | 2008-09 (Civil) |
| 7. P.W.D | 1993-94 (Civil) |
| | 1995-96 (Civil) |
| | 1996-97(Civil) |
| | 1998-99 (Civil) |
| | 1999-2000 (Civil) |
| | 2001-02(Civil) |
| | 2004-05 (Civil) |
| | 2005-06 (Civil) |
| | 2007-08 (Civil) |
| | 2008-09 (Civil) |
| 8. AGRICULTURE | 1993-94 (Civil) |
| | 1994-95 (Civil) |
| | 1995-96 (Civil) |
| | 2002-03 (Civil) |
| | 2004-05 (Civil) |
| | 2006-07 Civil) |
| | 2007-08 (Civil) |
| | 2008-09 Civil) |
| | 2009-10 (Civil) |
| 9. EDUCATION | 1993-94 (Civil) |
| | 1996-97 (Civil) |
| | 1998-99 (Civil) |
| | 1999-2000(Civil) |
| 10. TRANSPORT | 1993-94 (R.R.) |
| | 1999-2000 (R.R.) |
| | 2000-01 |
| | 2003-04 |
| | 2005-06 |
| | 2006-07 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | 2007-08 |
| | | 2008-09 |
| | | 2009-10 |
| 11. | REVENUE | 1997-98 (R.R.) |
| | | 1999-2000 |
| | | 2000-01 |
| | | 2001-02 |
| | | 2002-03 |
| | | 2004-05 |
| | | 2005-06 |
| | | 2006-07 (R.R.) |
| | | 2007-08 (R.R.) |
| 12. | HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT | 1997-98 |
| | | 2002-03 (Civil) |
| | | 2003-04 |
| | | 2004-05 |
| | | 2005-06 |
| | | 2006-07 |
| | | 2008-09 |

The Committee also scrutinized the statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations/ observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee held its meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

The Committee could not present any Report to the House due to the declaration of elections to the State Assembly.

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## 21. COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

(i) The Committee for the year 2007-08 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :-

1. Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training;

2. Department of Defence Services Welfare;

3. Department of Local Government;

4. Department of General Administration; and

5. Department of Irrigation;

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2007-08.

Additionally the Committee scrutinised the Supplementary Quarterly Statements showing the detail of the action taken by the Government/ Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its three Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2007-08 in respect of the following Departments :-

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training. | 19.3.2008 |
| 2. | Department of Defence Services Welfare; and | 19.3.2008 |
| 3. | Department of Local Government | 19.3.2008 |

The Committee also presented its Reports on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2007-08 to the House on 14th March, 2008.

The Committee also held its meetings at Shahpur Kandi (Pb.), Chamunda Devi, Meclodganj (H.P.), Nainital and Bathinda.

(ii) The Committee for the year 2008-09 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:-

1. Department of Health and Family Welfare;

2. Department of Irrigation;

3. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats;

4. Department of Hospitality; and

5. Department of Agriculture.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2008-09.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinized quarterly statements showing the detail of the action taken by the Government/Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2008-09 in respect of the following Departments:-

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Department of Irrigation; | 9.03.2009 |
| 2. | Department of Agriculture. | 9.03.2009 |

The Committee also presented its Reports on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2008-09 to the House on 9th March, 2009.

The Committee also held its meetings at Kullu,Manali,Manikaran Sahib, New Delhi, Shimla and Sri Anandpur Sahib.

(iii) The Committee for the year 2009-10 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :–

1. Department of Public Works;

2. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats;

3. Department of Health and Family Welfare; and

4. Department of Local Government.

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2009-10.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinised quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government/Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its two Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2009-10 in respect of the following Departments :–

| Sr. No. | Departments | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Department of Irrigation | 17.3.2010 |
| 2. | Department of Local Government | 17.3.2010 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2009-10 to the House on 16th March, 2010.

The Committee also held its meetings at Ludhiana,Amritsar, Jalandhar, Mohali and Chattbir.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2010-11 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments :–

1. Department of Hospitality;
2. Department of Social Security of Women and Child Development;
3. Department of Local Government;
4. Department of Home Affairs and Justice; and
5. Department of Revenue and Rehabilitation; and
6. Department of Public Works;

The Committee also examined the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2010-11.

Additionally, the Committee scrutinized the quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government /Departments to implement

the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee presented its three Reports to the House on the Budget Estimates for the year 2010-11 in respect of the following departments:-

| Sr. No. | Department | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on the working and the spot study of the Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development. | 11.3.2011 |
| 2. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on the working and on the spot study of the Department of Defence Services Welfare (Sainik School, Kapurthala); and | 11.03.2011 |
| 3. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on the working and on the spot sudy of Department of Home Affairs and Justice. | 11.3.2011 |

The Committee also presented its Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2010-11 on 11th March, 2011.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla, New Delhi, Nangal and Jalandhar.

(v) The Committee for the year 2011-12 examined the Budget Estimates of the following Departments:-

1. Department of Forests and Wildlife;
2. Department of Public Works;
3. Department of Industries; and
4. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats;

Additionally, the Committee scruitinzed quarterly statements showing the details of the action taken by the Government/Departments to implement the recommendations/observations contained in its earlier Reports.

The Committee could not present any Report due to the declaration of General Elections to the14th Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

The Committee held its meeting at New Delhi.

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## 20. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

(i) The Committee for the year 2007-08 scrutinised the material received from Punjab Health Systems Corporation and Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (PUNSUP) in respect of their general working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee for the year 2007-08 also scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board and Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (PRTC) in respect of their general working and held discussion with the departmental representatives and also conducted its spot, study.

The Committee also scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/ Boards regarding audit paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1997-98 to 2004-05.

The Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in its various Reports.

The Committee presented its 84th Report to the House on the 24th March, 2008, in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1999-2000, 2001-02 and 2002-03 (Commercial) relating to Punjab Financial Corporation, Punjab State Container and Warehousing Corporation, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd, and Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. (PUNSUP).

The Committee presented its 85th Report to the House on the 24th, March, 2008 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98, 1998-99,

2000-2001 and 2002-03 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Limited.

The Committee presented its 86th Report to the House on the 24th March, 2008 on the general working of Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (PRTC).

The Committee presented its 87th Report to the House on the 25th, March, 2008 on the general working of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

(ii) The Committee for the year 2008-09 scrutinized the material received from the Punjab State Electricity Board in respect of its general working.

The Committee for the year 2008-09 scrutinized the material received from the Punjab Health Systems Corporation in respect of its general working and framed questionnaire.

The Committee also scrutinised the material received from the Punjab State Forests Development Corporation Limited in respect of its general working, framed questionnaire and orally examined its Departmental representatives.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/ Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the year 1997-98, 2000-01, 2002-03 to 2006-07.

The Committee scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in its various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 88th Report to the House on 6th March, 2009 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 1997-98, 2005-06 and 2003-04 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab Communications Limited and Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development & Finance Corporation.

The Committee presented its 89th Report to the House on 6th March,

2009 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2003-04 (Commercial) relating to Punjab Agro Food grains Corporation Limited, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., Punjab Small Scale Industries & Export Corporation Ltd. and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

(iii) The Committee for the year 2009-10 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation, Punjab Financial Corporation and Punjab State Forest Development Corporation in respect of their general working and orally examined their Departmental Representatives.

The Committee scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/ Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the years 1998-99 to 2000-01, 2002-03 to 2006-07.

The Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 90th Report to the House on the 25th March, 2010 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-05 (Commercial) relating to Punjab Financial Corporation.

The Committee presented its 91st Report to the House on the 25th March, 2010 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1998-99 (Commercial) relating to the Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its 92nd Report to the House on 26th March, 2010 on the general working of the Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Limited.

The Committee presented its 93rd Report to the House on the 26th, March, 2010 on the general working of the Punjab Financial Corporation.

The Committee presented its 94th Report to the House on the 26th March, 2010 on the general working of Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation.

(iv) The Committee for the year 2010-11 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited in respect of its general working.

The Committee for the year 2010-11scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board and Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation in respect of their general working and framed Questionnaire.

The Committee for the year 2010-11 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, of the subsidiary units of the Council for Citrus and Agri Juicing,Value Added Horticulture Councils, Organic farming and Viticulture Council in respect of their general working and orally examined their departmental representatives.

The Committee also scrutinised the replies received from various Corporation/Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) for the year 2000-01 to 2008-09.

The Committee also scruitinised the statements/Replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observation contained in the various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee presented its 95th Report to the House on 18th March, 2011 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2002-03,2003-04 and 2005-06 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its 96th Report to the House on 18th March, 2006 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2002-03 and 2007-08 (Commercial) relating to Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

The Committee presented its 97th Report to the House on 28th March, 2011 on the general working of the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation of the subsidiary units of the Council for Citrus and Agri -Juicing,Value Added

Horticulture Councils, Organic Farming and Viticulture Council.

The Committee presented its 98th Report to the House on the 28th March, 2011 in respect of Audit Paragraphs appearing in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2003-04, 2005-06 to 2007-08 (Commercial) relating to Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited and Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Limited.

(v) The Committee for the year 2011-12 scrutinised the material received from the Punjab Health Systems Corporation and Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited in respect of their general working. The Committee couldn't prepare and submit any report because to shortage of time due to declaration of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections before completion of its term.

The Committee also scrutinised the replies received from various Corporations/Boards regarding Audit Paragraphs contained in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India(Commercial) for the year 2008-09.

The Committee also scrutinised the statements/replies showing the action taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in various Reports of the Committee.

The Committee formed a Sub-Committee in connection with the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., Punjab Civil Supplies Corporation (PUNSUP) and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation.

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**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE YEAR-WISE**

| 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 45 | 38 | 60 | 54 |

**Number of Reports presented year-wise**

| 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 | – |

**Meetings held by the Committee at places other than Chandigarh**

| Year | Place |
|---|---|
| 2007-08 | Shahpur Kandi,Dalhousie, New Delhi, Patiala, Jalandhar, Jaipur, Ajmer and Udaipur. |
| 2008-09 | Shimla, New Delhi, Goa, Chennai and Ooty. |
| 2009-10 | Shahpur Kandi and New Delhi. |
| 2010-11 | New Delhi and Ludhiana. |
| 2011-12 | Shimla and New Delhi. |

## 23. RULES COMMITTEE

No Rules Committee was framed for the years 2007-08, 2008-09,2009-10,2010-11 and2011-12.

## 24. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The year-wise details of questions of breach of Privileges which were referred to the Committee during the period under review is given as under:-

### 2007-2008

1. The question of breach of privilege was raised by Shri Satpal Gosian, Deputy Speaker against officials of Punjab and Haryana High Court regarding trespassing in his official kothi and pasting possession letter.

The above said matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 24.4.2007. But, the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker on 16.5.2007 informed the Committee in writing that proceedings in connection with the privilege matter may be stopped because the above said matter has been resolved and Question of Privilege given by him be deemed to be withdrawn. On his request, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

2. Another question of breach of privilege was raised by Shri Des Raj Dhugga, Sardar Sukhpal Singh and Sardar Jagdeep Singh Nakai, MLAs regarding tampering of proceedings of Punjab Vidhan Sabha. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 5.4.2007.

The Committee considered the aforesaid issue and presented its Report to the House on 18.12.2007. The Committee strongly recommended that the proposed Committee of the House, which was announced to be constituted to investigate the loss amounting to Rs. 100 crore to the State Exchequer allegedly by the former Local Government Minister, on the basis of a supplementary to the Starred Question No. 1540 dated 1.3.2006, which could not be constituted due to the tampering with the proceedings of the House, be immediately constituted by the Speaker, so that the said loss, amounting to Rs. 100 crores, to the exchequer, could be retrieved.

The Committee also recommended that an action be taken against Sh. Nachhattar Singh Mavi, the then Secretary Punjab Legislative Assembly and Sh. Tara Singh, Under Secretary through Vigilance, under the Criminal Procedure Code, under the charges of tampering with the records. The matter related to the embezzlement of funds amounting Rs. 100 crores and senior officers and politicians were involved in such misdemean our. So the Committee realized that the possibility of pecuniary gains behind the tampering with the records could not outrightly be ruled out. The Committee recommended that a proper investigation be made in this regard by registering a case with the Vigilance Department under Criminal Procedure Code. The Committee also recommended that the pensionary benefits as well as all other benefits being enjoyed by Sh. Nachhattar Singh Mavi and Sh. Tara Singh, be freezed at once.

The Committee felt that the tampering with the proceedings of the House tantamounts to betrayal with the pople of the State as a whole because the entire House and its respectable Members represented the State as a whole.

It seemed to be a fact that this might be the first instance of tampering in the history of parliamentary system in India. The entire State was ashamed of such a condemnable incident and the people directly involved in this, at whose indirect instance and abetment, this all happened should be tried to be dealt stringently and punished suitably.

3. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Captain Balbir Singh Bath, MLA against S. Paramjit Singh Padda, PCS, District Transport Officer, Gurdaspur regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 7.6.2007.

The Committee presented its report on the aforesaid issue to the Speaker on 10.8.2007. In view of the unconditional apology tendered by Shri Paramjit Singh Padda, DTO, Gurdaspur, the Committee recommended to the Hon'ble Speaker to drop the issue.

4. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Sardar Darshan Singh Brar, MLA against Sh. Kuljinder Singh, SHO, Bagha Purana regarding use of un-parliamentary language by the official. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 30.07.2007.

The Committee considered the matter at length and presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 30.11.2007. The Committee recommended to suspend the said SHO with immediate effect and also recommended to take disciplinary action against him.

5. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Shri Surjit Kumar Jyani, MLA against Shri Harmeet Singh Grewal, ETO, Ferozepur regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 13.9.2007.

The Committee presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 28.11.2007. In view of the unconditional apology tendered by Sh. Harmeet Singh Grewal, ETO, Ferozepur, the Committee recommended to Hon'ble Speaker to drop the issue.

6. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Sardar Ajit Singh Shant, MLA against Sh. Jugraj Singh S.H.O. Chowki Samalsar, District Moga regarding alleged misbehaviour with him. The matter was referred to the Committite of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 16.10.2007.

The Committee presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 6.2.2008. In view of the clarification and unconditional apology tendered by Sh. Jugraj

Singh SHO. Chowki Samalsar, Moga, the Committee recommended to the Speaker to drop the issue.

7. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Sardar Virsa Singh Valtoha, MLA against Smt. Anita Jain, P.A. to Principal Secretary, Departments School Education, Punjab regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 23.10.2007.

The Committee considered aforesaid matter and presented its Report to the Speaker on 30.11.2007. The Committee recommended to drop the issue.

**2008-2009**

1. A question of breach of privilege was raised by Captain Balbir Singh Bath, MLA against Dr. P.K. Mittal, Civil Surgeon Gurdaspur regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone and the same was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 27.9.2007.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Hon'ble Speaker on 9.8.2008. In view of unconditional apology tendered by Dr. P.K. Mittal, the Committee recommended to drop the issue.

2. Another question of breach of privilege was raised by S. Sukhpal Singh Khaira, MLA against Sh. Inderjit Singh ,S.H.O., Kapurthala regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone. The matter was referred to the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker on 25.12.2007.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Hon'ble Speaker on 8.8.2008. In view of the unconditional apology tendered by the said official, the Committee recommended to drop the issue.

3. Another question of breach of Privilege which was raised by Shri Naresh Kumar Zira, MLA against Sh. Balkar Singh Bhullar, Deputy Superintendent and one Sub-Inspector, Central Jail, Amritsar regarding alleged misbehaviour with him was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 23.10.2007.

The Committee presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 24.10.2008. In view of the apology tendered by the above said officials, the

Committee recommended to drop the issue.

4. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Captain Balbir Singh Bath, MLA against S. Ravinder Singh, PCS, RTA, Jalandhar regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 25.12.2007.

The Committee presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 8.8.2008. In view of the of apology tendered by S.Ravinder Singh, PCS, RTA, Jalandhar, the Committee decided to drop the issue after issuing instructions to S.Ravinder Singh not to repeat such things in future otherwise stern action will be taken.

5. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Smt. Laxmi Kanta Chawla, MLA and Health Minister, Punjab against Sh. Balwinder Kumar, DSP, Narcotics regarding alleged misbehaviour with her. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 4.2.2008.

The Committee presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 24.10.2008. In view of the unconditional apology tendered by Sh. Balwinder Kumar, DSP, Narcotics, the Committee recommended to drop the issue.

6. Another question of breach of Privilege was raised by Shri Anil Joshi, MLA against S. Harmanjit Singh, Chowki Incharge, Lawrence Road, Amritsar regarding alleged misbehaviour with him over telephone. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 16.9.2008.

The Committee presented its Report to the Hon'ble Speaker on 2.1.2009 and recommended to drop the issue.

**2009-2010**

1. A question of breach of privilege was raised by Sardar Sarabjeet Singh Makkar, MLA against Sh.Arvinder Singh Bains,C.A.J.D.A (PUDA), Jalandhar regarding discourtesy shown to him when he went to meet him in his office. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the Hon'ble Speaker on 24.10.2008.

The Committee presented its Report on the aforesaid issue to the Hon'ble

Speaker on 17.11.2009.As the said officer did not pay due regards to the Member, the Committee recommended that the Chief Secretary be directed not to post Sh.Arvinder Singh Bains on any public dealing seat so that he could realize his mistake.

2. Another question of breach of privilege was raised by Sardar Virsa Singh Valtoha, MLA, against Captain Amarinder Singh and Sardar Makhan Singh, MLAs regarding statements given by them in newspaper which lowered down the dignity of the House, Hon'ble Speaker and the Hon'ble Members of the House. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House on 10.9.2008.

The Committee considered the matter at length and presented its Report to the House on 10.3.2009. In view of statement given by Sardar Makhan Singh, MLA before the Committee, the Committee recommended to drop the issue.

3. Another question of breach of privilege was raised by Shri Tikshan Sud, Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Punjab against Smt. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, MLA and Leader of the Opposition regarding insulting remarks made against the Hon'ble Speaker. The matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges by the House on 10.12.2009.

The Committee considered the matter at length and presented its Report to the House on 11.3.2010. The Committee recommended to suspend Smt. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, MLA and Leader of the Opposition from the House for seven days. But the House did not agree with the recommendation of the Committee and decided to drop the issue.

**2010-11**

**Nil**

**2011-12**

**Nil**

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## 25. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

The Committee for the year 2007-2008 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 12th, April, 2007,vide notification No. 32 dated 12th April 2007. It held 52 meetings. The Committee approved 32 Draft Assurances relating to Budget Session(First) 2007; 81 Assurances relating to Budget Session (2nd) 2007, four Assurances relating to supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Budget Session (2nd) 2007 and 43 Asssurances relating to Winter Session, 2007 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee scrutinised 167 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of Assurances contained in its 30th, 31st,32nd 33rd, 34th, 35th,36th and 37th Reports. Out of these Assurances, the Committee dropped 114 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In the case of remaining 53 Assurances, after being not satisfied with the replies sent by the respective departments, the Committee made further observations and issued directions for full implementation thereof.

The Committee also scrutinised 177 replies received from various departments in respect of 44 Assurances of Budget Session (First) 2004 and Budget Session (2nd) 2004, Supplementary Statement No.3;65 Assurances of Budget Session 2005 and Supplementary Statements No. 5 & 6 and 68 Assurances of Budget Session, 2006, Monsoon Session, 2006 and Supplementary Statements No. 7 & 8.

The Committee dropped 72 Assurances out of above 177 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In case of remaining 105 Assurances in regard to which satisfactory replies were not received from the various departments or the information supplied was not complete or not sent at all, the Committee asked for further information and made further observations in respect of such Assurances.

The Committee during its tenure also held meetings at Shimla, New Delhi and Amritsar.

The Committee presented its 39th Report in the House on 24th March, 2008.

**2008-2009**

The Committee for the year 2008-2009 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 25th April, 2008. vide notification No. 30 Dated 28th April 2008. It held 53 meetings. The Committee scrutinized 213 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of six Assurances contained in its 33rd Report, three Assurances of 34th Report, Six assurances 35th Report; four Assurances of 36th Report; 13 Assurances of 37th Report and also 65 Assurances of Budget Session (First) 2007, Budget Session (2nd) 2007, Supplementary Statements No. 1 & 2 of the Winter Session 2007; 33 Assurances of Budget Session, 2006; 83 Assurances of Budget Session, 2005; Supplementary Statements No. 5 & 6 of the Monsoon Session, 2005. The Committee dropped 105 Assurances out of above 213 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government. In case of remaining 108 Assurances in regard to which satisfactory replies were not received from various departments or the information supplied was not complete or not sent at all, the Committee made further observations in respect of such Assurances.

The Committee also approved 192 Draft Assurances relating to Budget Session, 2008;24 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 2008; and 7 Assurances of Winter Session, 2007 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee during its tenure also held meetings at New Delhi, Shimla, Nanded Sahib and Bidar.

The Committee presented its 40th Report in the House on 6th March, 2009.

**2009-2010**

The Committee for the years 2009-2010 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 28th May, 2009, vide notification No. 20 Dated 29th May, 2009. It held 37 meetings. The Committee scrutinized 341 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of fourAssurances contained in its 33rd Report; three Assurances of 34th Report; three Assurances of 35th Report; 29 Assurances of 37th Report; 43 Assurances of 38th Report and

also 122 Assurances of Budget Session, 2008, Moonsoon Session 2008, three Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 3 of the Moonsoon Session 2008 and Supplementary Statement No. 4 of the Budget Session 2008, 49 Assurances of Budget Session (1st) 2007, Budget Session (IInd), 2007 and Winter Session, 2007, six Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Budget Session, 2007 and Supplementary Statement No. 2 of Winter Session 2007;41 Assurances of the Budget Session, 2006, Moonsoon Session, 2006 and Supplementary Statement No.7 of the Budget Session, 2006, Monsoon Session 2006 and Supplementary Statement No. 8 and 38 Assurances of the Budget Session, 2005 and Moonsoon Session, 2005

The Committee dropped 245 Assurances out of above 341 Assurances after being satisfied with action taken by the Government. In the case of remaining 96 Assurances in regard to which satisfactory replies were not received from various departments or the information supplied was not complete or not sent at all, the Committee asked for further information and made further observations in respect of such assurances.

The Committee also approved 49 Assurances of Budget Session (Ist), 2009; 83 Assurances of Budget Session (IInd), 2009, 5 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Budget Session (Ist), 2009; 12 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Budget Session (IInd), 2009 and 23 Assurances of Winter Session 2009 and same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of the Departments of Power, Local Government and Education.

The Committee during its tenure also held meetings at New Delhi and Shahpur Kandi.

The Committee presented its 41st Report in the House on 26th March, 2010.

## 2010-11

The Committee for the year 2010-11 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 19th May, 2010,vide notification No. 10, Dated 21st May 2010. It

held 41 meetings. The Committee scrutinized 245 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of seven Assurances contained in its 33rd Report; Seven Assurances of 35th Report;three Assurances of 37th Report; 12 Assurances of 38th Report; 39 Assurances of 39th Report and also 60 Assurances of Budget Session (Ist), 2009 and Budget Session (IInd), 2009; and 23 Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Budget Session (Ist), 2009, Supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Budget Session (IInd),2009, Supplementary Statement No. 3 of the Budget Session (IInd) 2009 and Winter Session 2009; 58 Assurances of Budget Session 2008, Supplementary Statement No. 3 & 4; Moonsoon Session 2008 and 29 Assurances of Budget Session (Ist) 2007, Budget Session (IInd) 2007, Winter Session 2007 and Supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Winter Session 2007. The Committee dropped 168 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government.

The Committee also approved 161st Draft Assurances relating to Budget Session, 2010; 55 Assurances relating to Monsoon Session, 2010; and 10 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Monsoon Session, 2010 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implementation thereof.

The Committee during its tenure also held meetings at Shimla and New Delhi.

The Committee presented its 42nd Report in the House on 24th March, 2011.

## 2011-12

The Committee for the year 2011-12 was nominated by Hon'ble Speaker on the 20th April 2011, vide notification No. 29 dated 21st April 2011. It held 18 meetings. The Committee scrutinized 67 replies/interim replies received from various departments in respect of 10 Assurances contained in its 39th Report; 13 Assurances of 40th Report; 11 Assurances of Budget Session 2008 and 10 Assurances of Budget Session (Ist), 2009; 12 Assurances of Budget Session (IInd), 2009; two Assurances of Winter Session 2009; one Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Budget Session (Ist) 2009; four Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Budget Session (IInd) ,2009, four Assurances of Supplementary Statement No. 4 of the Winter

Session, 2009. The Committee dropped 30 Assurances after being satisfied with the action taken by the Government.

The Committee also approved four Draft Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 1 of the Budget Session, 2010; 16 Assurances relating to Supplementary Statement No. 2 of the Moonsoon Session, 2010 and 154 Assurances relating to Budget Session 2011 and the same were sent to the respective departments for implemention thereof

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## 26. COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Rules Selected/*scrutinised by the Committee during the period are mentioned below, yearwise :—

**(2007-2008)**

1. *The Punjab Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2006 framed under the Punjab Value Added Tax Act, 2005.
2. The Punjab Tourist Vehicle Rules, 1965 framed under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1939.
3. The Punjab Government Employees (Conduct)Rules, 1966;
4. *The Punjab Payment of Gratuity Rules,1973 framed under the payment of Gratuity Act, 1976.
5. The Punjab Consumer Protection Rules, 1988 framed under the Consumer Protection Act, 1976.

**The Committee held its meetings at Chandigarh, Amritsar, New Delhi and Shimla.**

**(2008-2009)**

1. *The PunjabValue Added Tax Rules, 2005 framed under the Punjab Value Added Tax Act, 2005;
2. *The Payment of Gratuity (Punjab) Rules 1973 framed under The Payment of Gratuity Act,1972;

The Committee presented its **35th Report** to the House on 9th March, 2009.

**The Committee held its meetings at Chandigarh, Shimla and Gurgaon.**

**(2009-2010)**

1. *The Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies, Price and Distribution Control Order, 1998 framed under The East Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies Act, 1949.
2. *The Punjab Co-operative Agricultural Development Banks Rules, 1959 framed under The Punjab Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Act, 1957.
3. *The Consumer Protection (Punjab)Rules, 1987 framed under The Consumer Protection Act,1985.

The Committee presented its 36th Report to the House on 26th March, 2010

**The Committee held its meetings at Chandigarh, Shimla and New Delhi.**

**(2010-2011)**

1. The Right to Information Rules, 2007 framed under the Right to Information Act, 2005(Central Act No. 22 of 2005)
2. **IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE VARIOUS REPORTS:-**

   In its meeting held on the 21st June, 2009 the Committee was apprised of the non-implementation of the various recommendations contained in the Reports submitted by its predecessor Committees. The Committee desired that it would take up those reports, the recommendations of which have not been implemented by the concerned Departments so far. So the Committee desired to orally examine the departmental representatives of the concerned departments which did not take action on the recommendations contained in the various reports presented to the House from time to time.

3. The Committee orally examined the representatives of Department of Food and Civil Supplies regarding;"The Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies, Prices and Distribution Control Order, 1998 framed under the East Punjab Control of Bricks Supplies Act, 1949.

4. General observation was made by the Committee regarding: The Punjab Police Rules, 2011( Draft) to be framed under Section 80 of The Punjab Police Act, 2007 (Punjab Act No. 10 of 2008)."

The Committee presented its 37th Report to the House on 18th March, 2011.

**The Committee held its meetings at Chandigarh, New Delhi, Shimla and Goa.**

**(2011-2012)**

1. The Punjab Co-operative Agricultural Development Banks Rules, 1959 framed under The Punjab Co-operative Land Morgage Banks Act, 1957;

2. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (Central Act. No. 35 of 2009).

**The Committee held its meetings at Chandigarh New Delhi and Shimla.**

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## 27. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

1. The Committee for the year 2007-08 considered matters regarding provision of amenities/facilities to MLA's. It did not present any report.

2. The General Purposes Committee for the year 2008-09 was not nominated.

3. The Committee for the year 2009-10 considered matters regarding provision of amenities/facilities to MLAs and Ex-MLAs and presented its Report to the House on 11.7.2009.

4. The Comittee for the year 2010-11 considered matters regarding provision of amenities/facilities to MLAs and Ex-MLAs and presented its Report to the House on 17.3.2011.

5. The General Purposes Committee for the year 2011-12 was not nominated.

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## 28. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Committee is nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker. It consists of nine Members one of whom is appointed as Chairman of the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker.

The total number of meetings held year-wise is given below :–

| 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 4 | 27 | 22 | 19 |

The Committee recommended the purchase of books costing about Rs. 24140/- in 2007-2008, Rs. 7800/- in 2008-2009, Rs.25,000/- in 2009-2010, Rs.16,000/- in 2010-2011 & Rs.28,000/- in 2011-2012. Besides the Committee recommended for the subscription of various newspapers, periodicals and magazines etc. The Committee also suggested various improvements in the working of the Library.

In the years 2007-2008 the Committee held meetings at New Delhi, Chennai, Coimbatore and Ooty; in 2009-2010 at New Delhi and Jaipur and in 2010-2011 at New Delhi.

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## 29. HOUSE COMMITTEE

**The House Committee consists of nine Members including the Deputy Speaker who is the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee**

**2007-2008**

The Committee discussed at length a request from the Chief Secretary, Haryana for handing over Motor Garages to Haryana for setting up a dispensary in Sector-3, Chandigarh and decided that the request can be acceded to only if similar arrangement for Punjab is provided elsewhere in Sector-3, Chandigarh.

The Committee also discussed matters relating to enhancing rates of eatables in MLAs'Hostel Canteen, payment of rent for cable connections in rooms of MLAs'Hostel Sectors 3 & 4, Chandigarh and providing new furniture and furnishing items in the rooms of MLA's Hostel. The Committee also

discussed the issue of cleanliness around MLA's flats in Sectors 3,4 and 39, Chandigarh and analysed progress of renovation of MLAs'flats in Sectors 3&4, Chandigarh. The Committee also discussed constructing a boundary wall around back courtyard and providing a gate therein in MLA's Flats of Sector 3 & 4 Chandigarh.

**2008-2009**

The Committee discussed the matter regarding whitewash and cleanliness of 16 rooms in MLAs'Hostel, Sector-3 (top floor), Chandigarh and deputing a Care Taker during night shift at the reception of MLAs'Hostel, Sector-4, Chandigarh. The Committee also discussed,it with department officials the matter regarding round the clock operation of lift in MLAs'Hostel, Sector -4, Chandigarh, fixing of duty hours of Work Inspector at Maintenance Booth U.T. , Sector 4, Chandigarh and providing more amenities in MLA's Hostel and Flats. The Committee also discussed various other issues i.e. opening of Milk Booth in front of MLAs' Hostel , Sector -4, replacement of Desert Coolers in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, provision of separate electricity meter for Punjab Vidhan Sabha, replacement of ceiling fans and tube-light fittings in Punjab Vidhan Sabha with new, power saver ones, revival of vacant posts in the office of Director, Hospitality, Punjab, enhancing of rates of eatable items in MLAs'Hostel Canteen, replacement of Air-Conditioning plant in Punjab & Haryana Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, renovation/replacement of lifts in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, providing wall fans on ground floor( Near Governor's Gate) in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat and provision of LCD and Tata Sky DTH system in the Chamber of Hon'ble Deputy Speaker.

**2009-2010**

The Committee discussed installation of 42"LCDs each in Committee Room and dining Hall and replacement of furniture in Dining Hall in MLAs'Hostel, Sector-4, Chandigarh, installation of water filters in MLAs'Flats and RO system in Punjab Vidhan Sabha and employment of more staff in MLAs'Hostel, Sector-4, Chandigarh to improve the quality of food.

**2010-2011**

The Committee discussed various proposals i.e. replacement of furniture

in Members' Dining Hall and Common Dining Hall and ceiling fans in rooms in MLAs'Hostel, Sector-4, Chandigarh, providing electrical equipments and wall fans in MLAs'Flats, Sector 3&4, Chandigarh, directed the officers to plug leakage in the duct of VIPs Lift in Punjab Vidhan Sabha, directed replacement of furniture and blankets in rooms of MLA's Hostel, Sectors 3 & 4, Chandigarh, approved the payment of rent of Cable TV connections in MLAs'Hostel to the concerned operator, asked the PWD department representatives to provide beds in the rest room for security personnel in MLAs'Hostel Complex, Sector-4, Chandigarh and enquired from the concerned officials about replacement of Sound System in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Chamber.

**2011-2012**

The Committee discussed matters regarding leakage of water in the duct of VIPs lift in Punjab Vidhan Sabha and examined estimate for providing new polyfill quilts and blanket in rooms of MLAs'Hostel, Sectors 3 & 4, Chandigarh. The Committee also discussed and approved payment of rent of Cable TV connections in MLAs'Hostel.

The number of meetings held by the House Committee is given below yearwise :–

| Year | No. of Meetings |
|---|---|
| 2007-08 | 15 |
| 2008-09 | 05 |
| 2009-10 | 10 |
| 2010-11 | 08 |
| 2011-12 | 08 |

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## 30. COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

**2007-08**

The Committee for the year 2007-08 considered 19 petitions relating to various Departments during the year and also orally examined the representatives of the Department of Rural Dev. & Panchayats.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi, Shimla,Amritsar, Shahpur Kandi, Indore, Nanded Sahib and Gwalior.

**2008-09**

The Committee for the year 2008-09 considered 17 petitions relating to various Departments during the year and also orally examined the representatives of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi,Shimla, Dehradun, Nanak Matta, Shahpur Kandi, Talwara, Amritsar, Nainital, Lucknow, and Patna.

**2009-10**

The Committee for the year 2009-10 considered 17 petitions relating to various Departments during the year and orally examined the representatives of the Department of Revenue, Home, Social Security & Development of Women and Children and Power.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

**2010-11**

The Committee for the year 2010-11 considered six petitions relating to various Departments during the year and orally examined the representatives of the Department of Irrigation and Welfare of SCs & BCs.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

**2011-12**

The Committee for the year 2011-12 considered six petitions relating to various Departments during the year and also orally examined the representatives of the Department of Power.

The Committee also held its meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

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## 31. COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES, SCHEDULED TRIBES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

**2007-08**

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 2007-08 examined the reservation

of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Board/Corporations:-

1. Education
2. Health and Family Welfare.
3. Home Affairs and Justice.
4. Labour and Employment.
5. Public Works (PWD).
6. Rural Development and Panchayats.
7. Food and Civil Supplies.
8. Revenue & Rehabilitation.
9, Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation.
10. Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.,
11. Punjab Scheduled Castes, Land Development and Finance Corporation.
12. Punjab Backward Castes, Land Development and Finance Corporation
13. Punjab Urban Development Authority.
14 Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board.
15. Punjab Forests Development Corporation.

The Committee also scrutinized the material supplied by the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Departments.

The Committee presented its 33rd Report to the House on 20th March, 2008 in respect of the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Departments.

The Committee held 43 meetings. The Committee held its meetings on 5th,6th June, 2007, 3rd,4th Dec 2007, 28th,29th Jan 2008, and 25th, 26th Feb, 2008 at New Delhi, and 9th, 10th July, 2007, and 19th Sept, 2007 at Shimla, and 12th July, 2007 and 24th July, 2007 at Circuit House, Amritsar, 18th Sep,

2007 at Manali, 19th Sep, 2007 at Rohtang Pass, and 20th Sep, 2007 at Manikaran Sahib

II. **2008-2009**

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 2008-09 decided to examine the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of following Departments/Board/Corporations.

1. Food and Civil Supplies.
2. Health and Family Welfare.
3, Irrigation and Power.
4. Local Government, Housing and Urban Development.
5. Public Works (PWD).
6. Rural Development and Panchayats.

The Committee also scrutinized the material supplied by the Finance and Planning Departments.

The Committee presented its 34th Report to the House on 9th March, 2009 in respect of District wise Review, Examination and analysis of the Welfare Schemes running for the people of Scheduled Castes under the Special Component Plan of the Welfare Department and orally examined the representives of the Welfare Department, Finance Department and Planning Departments regarding grants issued under Special Component Plan.

The Committee held 62 Meetings.

The Committee held its Meetings on 24th,25th June 2008, 27th July, 2008, 23rd,24th, 25th Sept,2008 and 22nd Jan 2009 at New Delhi, 28th July 2008 to 2nd August, 2008 at Bangalore, Mysore, Ooty and Hyderabad, 18th, 19th August, 2008 at Patiala, 15th, 16th Sept,2008 at Ludhiana, 15th,16th Oct, 2008 at Ferozepur, 3rd, 4th Nov 2008 at Tarn Taran, 10th Nov,2008 to 14th Nov 2008 at Nanded Sahib and Goa, 15th,16th Dec 2008 at Bathinda, 16th Jan,2009 to 21st Jan, 2009 at Lucknow,Varanasi, Bodh Gaya and Patna Sahib.

III. **2009-2010**

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 2009-10 decided to examine the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of following Departments/Board/Corporations.

1. Excise and Taxation
2. Co-operation
3. Planning.
4. Social Security for Women and Child Development.
5. Education.
6. Punjab State Electricity Board.
7. Punjab Backward Castes, Land Development and Finance Corporaltion.
8. Punjab Forests Development Corporation.
9. Punjab State Mandi Karan Board; and
10. Punjab School Education Board.

The Committee also scrutinized the material supplied by the Social Security for Women and Child Development Department, Planning Department and Punjab State Electricity Board.

The Committee presented its 35th, 36th Reports to the House on 25th March, 2009 in respect of Social Security for Women and Child Development, Planning Department and Punjab State Electricity Board. The Committee held 44 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 22nd,23rd June,2009,10th,11th August, 2009, 9th,10th Oct, 2009, 8th 9th Jan, 2010, 27th,28th Jan 2010, 19th,20th Feb,2010 at New Delhi and 30th,31st Oct, 2009 at Shimla.

IV. **2010-2011**

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 2010-11 decided to examine the reservation

of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the services and posts of all Departments/Boards/Corporations.

The Committee scrutinized the material supplied by the department for implementation of the 85th Amendment of the Constitution as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19th October, 2006 to give representation in the services of the State to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, the provision of 20% reservation to Group-B employees who were earlier falling in Group-C, now in Group-B non-gazetted and welfare schemes run in District Gurdaspur and Ambedkar Institute at Mohali.

The Committee presented its 37th and 38th Reports to the House on 17th March, 2011 in respect of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Punjab Urban, Planning & Development Authority, Mohali and implementation of the 85th Amendment of the Constitution as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19th October, 2006 to give representation in the services of the State to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, the provision of 20% reservation to Group-B employees who were earlier falling in Group-C, now in Group-B non-gazetted and welfare schemes run in District Gurdaspur and Ambedkar Institute, Mohali.

The Committee held 48 meetings.

The Committee held its meetings on 19th, 20th July, 2010, 27th,28th August, 2010, 12th Oct,2010 and 17th,18th Jan,2011 at New Delhi, 28th June, 2010 to 30th June, 2010 at Shimla, 26th, 27th July, 2010 at Ravi Sadan (Shahpur Kandi), Pathankot.

**V. 2011-2012**

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes for the year 2011-12 examined the reservation of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes in the services and posts of the following Departments/Boards/Corporations.

1. Education.
2. Health and Family Welfare.

3. Home Affairs and Justice.

4. Labour and Employment.

5. Public Works (PWD).

6. Rural Development and Panchayats.

7. Food and Civil Supplies.

8. Revenue & Rehabilitation.

9, Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation.

10. Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.,

11. Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation.

12. Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation

13. Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority.

14 Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

15. Punjab State Forests Development Corporation.

The Committee also scrutinized the material supplied by the above Departments,Boards, Corporation etc.

The Committee could not prepare/present its Report to the House because the 14th Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections were announced by the Election Commission of India.

The Committee held 32 Meetings.

The Committee held its Meetings on 5th,6th May, 2011, 8th,9th July, 2011 and 14th,15th Oct, 2011 at New Delhi, 17th,18th June, 2011 at Shimla, 13th, 14th May, 2011 at Amritsar and 22nd, July 2011 and 27th July, 2011 at Ludhiana.

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## 32. COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID/TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE

The work done by Committee during the period under review is mentioned below year-wise :–

### 2007-2008

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab Financial Corporation.
2. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.
3. Punjab Scheduled Caste Land Development and Finance Corporation
4. Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation.
5. Punjab State Forests Development Corporation.
6. Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board; and
7. Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company Ltd.

The Committee held its meetings at Shimla and New Delhi.

### 2008-2009

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.
3. Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA).
4. Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation.
5. Punjab State Forests Development Corporation.
6. Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board.

7. Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation.

8. Punjab State Seeds Corporation.

9. Punjab State Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

10 Punjab State Tourism Development Corporation; and

11. Punjab State Electronics Development Corporation.

The Committe held its meetings at New Delhi.

**2009-2010**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Ltd.
3. Punjab State Seeds Corporation,
4. Punjab Water Resources and Development Corporation.
5. Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA).
6. Punjab State Forests Development Corporation; and
7. Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board.

The Committee presented its 15th Report to the House on 17th March, 2010 (Afternoon)

**2010-2011**

The Committee considered the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Accounts of the following Corporations/Autonomous Bodies on the Table of the House :–

1. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.
2. Punjab State Tube-well Corporation Ltd.

3. Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA).

4. Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation.

5. Punjab State Forests Development Corporation Ltd.

6. Punjab State Khadi and Village Industries Board; and

7. Pepsu Road Transport Corporation.

The Committee held its meetings at Delhi, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Shimla, Jaipur,Ajmer,Chittorgarh, Udaipur and Mount-Abu.

**2011-2012**

The Committee did not select any Corporation/Board during this year.

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## 33. QUESTIONS AND REFERENCES COMMITTEE

**2007-2008**

A nine Member Questions and References Committee for the year 2007-08 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 12th April, 2007. The Committee held 42 meetings in which it discussed the matter regarding non-receipt of replies of Starred/Unstarred and Postponed Questions in time from concerned departments.

The Comittee considered the replies of C.U. Questions and Postponed Questions received from various departments.

The Committee discussed Letter No. 1/36/2006-GC-4,2T2/5463, dated 2-7-2007 which was received from the Special Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deparment of Transport, regarding Unstarred Question No. 215 and the Committee was satisfied with the contents.

The Committee considered the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 76,85,100,101,105 and 106 received from the Departments.

The Committee also considered the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 1835,1873,1891,1895 and 1897 listed in the C.U. list dated 19-9-2006.

The Committee took serious notice of non-receipt of replies to Postponed Question Nos. 75,198,195 and 174 and Unstarred Question Nos. 29 and 40.

The Committee also considered the replies of CU Question Nos. 62,127,187,188 and 189 relating to PWD (B&R) Department and C.U. Question No. 190,217 and 224 relating to Health and Family Welfare Department.

The Committee presented its 3rd (Third) Report in the House on 24th March, 2008

**2008-09**

A nine Member Questions and References Committee for the year 2008-09 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 28th April, 2008. The Committee held 55 meetings in which it discussed the matter regarding non-receipt of replies of Starred/Unstarred and Postponed Questions in time from concerned departments.

The Committee considered the replies of C.U. Questions and Postponed Questions received from various Departments.

The Committee considered the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 62,187,188,189,127,217 listed in the CU list dated 29-6-2007. The Committee was satisfied with the replies of C.U..Question Nos. 382,400,441, 468, 557, 562, 574 and C.U. Question Nos. 609,614,575 listed in the C.U. list dated 25-03-2008.

The Committee also considered the replies of C.U. Questions Nos. 264, 356, 284, 293, 336 and 312, 313, 322 ,324 ,354, listed in the C.U. list dated 24-12-2007.

The Committee also considered the replies of Postponed Questions No. 376 of the 4th Session 2008, No. 476 dated 19.3.2008, 503 dated 11.3.3008, 570 dated 19-3-2008 and 577 dated 20-3-2008. The Committee was satisfied with the replies.

The Committee took serious notice of non-receipt of replies to Postponed Starred Question Nos. 391,483,505,533,563,573,579 and 616 and Unstarred Question Nos. 81,82,91 and 100 of the fourth Session.

The Committee presented its 4th (Fourth) Report in the House on 6th March, 2009

**(2009-2010)**

The nine Member Questions and References Committee for the year 2009-10 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 29th May, 2009. The Committee held 36 meetings in which it discussed the matter regarding non-receipt of replies of Starred/Unstarred and Postponed Questions in time from concerned departments.

The Committee considered the replies of C.U. Questions and Postponed Questions received from various Departments.

The Committee considered the reply of C.U. Question No. 82 relating to the Home Department and Question Nos. 483 of the Department of PWD (B&R),C.U. 391 of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies and replies of C.U. Question Nos. 702,703,714,704,718,719,720,734,779,901,741,935,946 and 951 were placed before the Committee and the Committee was satisfied with the replies.

The Committee also considered the replies of CU Question Nos. 801, 788,742, 758, 746, 806, 789, 786, 808, 798, 820, 821, 822, 775, 763, 764, 754, 805, 795, 765, 713, 787, 760, 750, 743, 893, 894, 851, 905, 899, 910, 911, 943, 944, 945, 949, 873, 882, 885, 922, 924, 832, 834, 848, 886, 864, 880, 866,and 833 of CU List dated 9-3-2009 and Postponed Question Nos. 707, 708, 907, 931, 932,936, 937, 939, 211,100, 837,785,633,947,977, and 739.

The Committee also considered the replies of C.U. Question Nos. 638, 660, 633, 649, 651 of C.U. list dated 10-9-2008, and postponed Question No. 145 of 5th Session ,2008 and Nos 739,860,873 and 925 of the 6th Session.

The Committee orally examined the representatives of Finance

Department on 6-10-2009 regarding implementation of Para No. 16 of 4th Report.

The Committee also considered the replies of C.U. Question Nos.958, 959, 967, 1000, 1007, 1017, 1043, 1045, 1050, 1063, 1065, 1071, 1076, 1084, 1102 and 1109, 961, 988, 1025, 1028 and 1072 of CU list dated 11.7.2009.

The Committee presented its 5th (Fifth) Report on 26th March, 2010

**(2010-2011)**

The nine member Questions and References Committee for the year 2010-11 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 21st May 2010. The Committee held 33 meetings in which it discussed the matter regarding non-receipt of replies of Starred/Unstarred and Postponed Questions in time from concerned departments.

The Committee considered the replies of C.U. Questions and Postponed Questions received from various Departments.

The Committee considered the reply of C.U./Postponed Question No. 1139 relating to PWD ( B & R) Department, 1165 & 1204 relating to the Irrigation Department, 1176 relating to Social Security, Development of Children and Women Department, 1202 relating to Rural Development and Panchayats Department, 1223 relating to Water Supply and Sanitation Department, 1206 & 1244 relating to Co-operation Department and 1239 relating to Revenue Department.

The Committee also considered the replies of CU/Postponed Question Nos.809, 835, 879, 1022, 1055, 1266, 1279,1283, 1267, 1270, 1282, 1289, 1294, 1296, 1311, 1257, 1334, 1369, 1373, 1375, 1036,1417,1608, 1617, and 1638.

The Committee also considered the replies of C.U./Postponed Questions Nos. 717, 730, 925, 940, 1132, 1133, 1179, 1220, 1352, 1577, 1537, 1547, 1551,1554, 1556, 1579, 1593, 749, 811, 1297, 1408, 1625, 1630, 1632, 1637, 1639, 1641, 1644, 1648, 1653, 1658, 1659 and 1666 and the Committee was satisfied with the replies.

The Committee presented its 6th (Sixth) Report on 24th March, 2011

**(2011-12)**

A nine Member Questions and References Committee for the year 2011-12 was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 21st April, 2011. The Committee held 30 meetings in which it discussed the matter regarding non-receipt of replies of Starred/Unstarred and Postponed Questions in time from concerned departments.

The Committee considered the replies of C.U. Questions and Postponed Questions received from various Departments.

The Committee considered the reply of C.U./Postponed Question Nos. 1705, 1763, 1764, 1762 relating to Health and Family Welfare Department, 1726 relating to Welfare Department, 1403, 2035 & 1920 relating to Agriculture Department, 1675, 1786, 2159, 2192, 1819, 1842 & 2171 relating to Water Supply and Sanitation Department, 1269 relating to Housing and Urban Development Department and 1799, 2138 & 1810 relating to Education Department.

The Committee also considered the reply of C.U./Postponed Question Nos. 2123,2202,1886, 1965, 2035, 2040, 2160, 2040, 1895, 1837, 2174, 1815, 1865, 1361, 2147, 1858, 1798, 1844, 2111, 2115, 2126, 1966, 2143, 1878, 1912, 2102, 2055, 2182, 2184, 2010,1848, 1936, 2170, 2153, 2114, 1967, 1928, 2052, 2031, 1905, 1958, 1951, 1962, 1977, 1992, 2195, 1787, 1972, 2044, 2209, 1806, 1859, 1918, 1984, 2045,2050,2087, 2154,2173, and 2208 and the Committee was satisfied with the replies.

The Committee took serious notice regarding non-receipt of replies of CU/Postponed Question Nos. 2136,1809,1805 and 1919.

The Committee also scrutinized the reply to Short Notice Question No. 1113.

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## MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE HELD OUTSIDE CHANDIGARH

| YEAR | PLACE(S) |
|---|---|
| 2007-08 | Haridwar, Nanital, Shahpur Kandi, Dalhousie, New Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Goa, Amritsar, Bathinda. |
| 2008-09 | Kullu, Manali, New Delhi, Mumbai, Nanded Sahib, Goa, Ferozepur and Nangal. |
| 2009-10 | Patnitop, Gulmarg, Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir), New Delhi |
| 2010-11 | New Delhi |
| 2011-12 | New Delhi and Shimla |

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## 34. COMMITTEE ON LOCAL BODIES & PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

### 2007-08

The Committee on Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions has 13 Members including the Chairman to serve on it. The main function of the Committee is to scrutinise the Audit Reports of the Local Bodies & Panchayati Raj Institutions selected for the purpose and also to scrutinize the Reports of the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts laid on the Table of the House, if any, as also general working thereof.

The Committee discussed its scope & functions and selected the following units for scrutiny of Audit Reports & study of general working thereof :-

1. Improvement Trust, Ludhiana
2. Improvement Trust, Amritsar
3. Improvement Trust, Jalandhar

4. Improvement Trust, Batala,
5. Municipal Corporation, Amritsar
6. Municipal Corporation, Patiala
7. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
8. Municipal Council, Phagwara
9. Municipal Council, Banga
10. Zila Parishad, Kapurthala
11. Zila Parishad, Jalandhar.
12. Zila Parishad, Faridkot
13. Nagar Panchayat, Dhilwan
14 Nagar Panchayat, Bholath
15. Nagar Panchayat, Begowal
16 Nagar Panchayat,Nakodar; and
17. Nagar Panchayat, Goraya.

The Committee held 08 meetings at Chandigarh 15 meetings at Shimla, New Delhi and Jammu.

The Committee could not present any Report during the year 2007-08.

**2008-09**

The Committee discussed its scope & functions and selected the following units for scrutiny of Audit Reports & study of general working thereof :-

1. Improvement Trust, Amritsar
2. Improvement Trust, Moga
3. Zila Parishad Bathinda
4. Zila Prishad, Jalandhar
5. Municipal Corporation, Patiala
6. Muinicipal Corporation, Ludhiana
7. Municipal Council, Garhshankar.

8. Municipal Council, Nawanshar

9. Municipal Council, Kharar

10. Municipal Council, Banga

11. Municipal Council, Anandpur Sahib

12. Nagar Panchayat, Begowal

13. Panchayat Samiti,Valtoha

14. Panchayat Samiti, Abohar; and

15. Panchayat Samiti, Pathankot

The Committee held 27 meetings at Chandigarh and four meetings outside at New Delhi and Amritsar.

The Committee presented three Reports i.e. Second Report relating to Municipal Council, Kharar, Third Report relating Minicipal Council, Banga and Fourth Report relating to Municipal Council, Garhshankar, in the House on 9th March, 2009.

**(2009-10)**

The Committee discussed its scope & functions and selected the following units for scrutiny of Audit Reports & study of general working thereof :-

1. Improvement Trust, Moga

2. Improvement Trust, Jalandhar

3. Municipal Corporation, Bathinda

4. Municipal Council, Barnala

5. Municipal Council, Moga; and

6. Municipal Council, Jagraon

The Committee also decided to continue the scrutiny of the reply of Audit reports of Improvement Trust Batala, Municipal Council, Nawanshahar and Municipal Corporations, Amritsar & Patiala.

The Committee held 26 meetings at Chandigarh and five meetings at Patiala.

The Committee presented three Reports i.e. Fifth Report relating to Improvement Trust Batala, Sixth Report relating to Municipal Council. Nawanshahr and Seventh Report relating to Municipal Corporation, Amritsar in the House on 26th March, 2010.

**(2010-11)**

The Committee discussed its scope & functions and selected the following units for scrutiny of Audit Reports & study of general working thereof :-

1. Municipal Council, Batala
2. Municipal Council, Dhuri
3. Municipal Council, Dhanola
4. Municipal Council, Faridkot
5. Municipal Council, Jagraon
6. Municipal Council, Barnala; and
7. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

The Committee also decided to continue the scrutiny of the reply of Audit reports of Municipal Corporations Patiala & Bathinda.

The Committee held 35 meetings at Chandigarh and 15 meetings at Ludhiana, New Delhi, Shimla, Bangalore and Mysore.

The Committee appointed sub-Committee to examine the purchase of furniture by Municipal Corporation, Patiala. It held two meetings at Chandigarh and one meeting at Patiala.

The Committee presented two Reports i.e. Eighth Report relalting to Municipal Corporation Ludhiana and Ninth Report relating to Muinicipal Corporation, Patiala.

**(2011-12)**

The Committee discussed scope & functions and selected the following units for scrutiny of Audit Reports & study of general working thereof :-

1. Municipal Council, Ferozepur
2. Municipal Council,Abohar

3. Municipal Council, Fazilka
4. Municipal Council, Barnala
5. Nagar Panchayat, Nayagaon
6. Improvement Trust, Fazilka
7. Improvement Trust, Amritsar
8. Zila Parishad, Ferozepur; and
9. Zila Parishad, Ludhiana

The Committee also decided to continue the scrutiny of the reply of Audit reports of Municipal Corporation Bathinda.

The Committee held 20 meetings at Chandigarh and four meetings at Amritsar and Shimla.

The Committee could not present any Report due to declaration of elections to the State Assembly.

The Committee appointed its sub-Committee to examine the General working of the above said Local Bodies. The Sub-Committee held two meetings at Amritsar.

The Sub-Committee could not present its Report due to declaration of elections of the State Assembly.

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## 35 SELECT COMMITTEE ON BILLS

No Select Committee on Bills was framed for the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.

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## 36. THE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE MATTER IN RELATION TO THE EXEMPTION OF A VACANT PLOT OF LAND MEASURING 32 ACRES ON JALANDHAR-AMRITSAR ROAD.

A nine Member Committee of the House was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 11th, January, 2008 for investigating the matter regarding exemption

given to a vacant plot of land measuring 32.10 acre of land from the 188 acres scheme of Improvement Trust, Amritsar on the Jalandhar-Amritsar road in the light of the decision of the House dated 18th December, 2007. The Committee held 16 meetings and presented its Report to the House on 5th September, 2008.

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## 37. COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO GIVE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO TACKLE THE MENACE OF STRAY DOGS IN THE STATE.

### 2011-12

The Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Speaker for the First time in the year 2011-12 having three Members including the Chairman.

The Committee examined various policies adopted by various Government Departments i.e. Local Government Department, Rural Development & Panchayats Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and Animal Husbandry Department to tackle the menace of stray dogs. The Committee also held meetings with various voluntary orgnisations and experts to discuss the problem of stray dogs.

The Committee held five meetings at Chandigarh and five meetings at New Delhi and Shimla.

The Committee could not present its Report due to declaration of elections of the State Assembly.

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## 38. COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO EXAMINE THE POLLUTION BEING CREATED BY SUGAR MILLS AND DISTILLERIES IN THE STATE

A Special Committee was constituted by the House to look into the pollution being created by Sugar Mills and Distilleries in the State in its sitting held on 20th December, 2007 on a Calling Attention Notice given by Sardar Harmeet Singh Sandhu, MLA. The Committee presented its Report to the House on 1st October,2010.

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## 39. COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SUBSIDY ON SEED OF WHEAT PERTAINING TO THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 2061.

The two Members Committee of the House was nominated by the Hon'ble Speaker on 26-3-2011 in the light of the decision taken by the House on 16th March, 2011. The term of the Committee was for one month. The time was enhanced from time to time. The Committee held 20 meetings. The Committee was to finalize its Report before expiry of the extended time i.e. 30-11-2011, but the Committee could not finalize its Report within the stipulated period.

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## 40. COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO TACKLE THE SERIOUS MEANCE OF ROAD ACCIDENTS IN THE STATE

A three Member Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Speaker on 5th July,2011.

The Committee held eight meetings at Chandigarh and three meetings outside Chandigarh in Kerala.

The Committee presented its Report to the House on the 8th October, 2011.

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## 41 RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS.

The Speaker gave Rulings/made Observations in regard to various matters. The important Rulings/Observations have been included in the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 42. POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON.

For decisions given on various Points of Order, reference may be made to the Resume of Sessions held during the period under review.

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## 43. PERSONAL EXPLANATION

One Personal Explanation was made, the detail of which is as under:

| Sr No. | Date | Name of the Member | Occasion |
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| 1. | 11.3.2010 | Sardar Manpreet Singh Badal | With regard to the comments made by Sardar Makhan Singh (INC) |

## 44. EXPULSION/REVOCATION OF MEMBER

| Date | Name of Member expelled/ whose expulsion revoked | Subject |
|---|---|---|
| 10.9.2008 | Captain Amarinder Singh was expelled from the membership of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 10.9.2008 and later on he was reinstated by an order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 26.4.2010. | On the recommendation of Special Committee of the House constituted to enquire into the matter in relation to the exemption of a vacant plot of the land measuring 32.10 acres on Jalandhar-Amritsar Road. |

## 45.UNPARLIAMENTARY/UNDESIRABLE EXPRESSIONS

A number of expressions were held as Unparliamentary/Undesirable. For details, reference may be made to the Resume of various Sessions held during the period under review.

## 46. WIT AND HUMOUR

For Wit and Humour expressions, reference may be made to Resume of various Sessions held during the period under review.

## APPENDIX -I

(For reference, please see Item "Official Bills" ünder the heading 'Legislation' at page 4)

## LIST OF BILLS WHICH WERE PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

### 2007

1. The Punjab State Vigilance Commission (Repeal) Bill, 2007.
2. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 2007
3. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account)Bill, 2007
4. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2007
5. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment)Bill, 2007.
6. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007.
7. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Second Amendment) Bill 2007.
8. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Amendment Bill, 2007
9. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2007.
10. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2007.
11. The Punjab Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas (Amendment) Bill, 2007.
12. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2007.
13. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2007.
14. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2007.
15. The Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar Bill, 2007
16. The Punjab Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2007.
17. The Punjab Infrastructure Development and Regulation ( Amendment) Bill, 2007.

18. The Punjab Education Development (Amendment) Bill, 2007.
19. The Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service) Amendment Bill 2007.
20. The Punjab Police Bill, 2007.
21. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2007.

**2008**

1. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2008.
2. Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Bill, 2008.
3. The Punjab Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2008.
4. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 2008.
5. The Punjab Privately Managed Recognised Schools'Employees (Security of Service) Amendment Bill, 2008.
6. The Punjab Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2008.
7. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2008.
8. The Punjab School Education Board (Amendment) Bill, 2008.
9. The Punjab Municipal Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2008.
10. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2008.
11. The Indian Penal Code (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2008.
12. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2008.
13. The Punjab Protection of Medicare Service Persons and Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Bill, 2008.
14. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Bill,2008.
15. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2008.
16. The Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages BIl, 2008.
17. The Punjab Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 2008.

**2009**

1. The Industrial Disputes ( Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2009.
2. The Punjab Package Deal Properties (Disposal) Amendment Bill, 2009.

3. The Punjab Tax on Luxuries Bill, 2009.

4. The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Amendment Bill, 2009.

5. The Punjab Preservation of Sub-Soil Water Bill, 2009.

6. The Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

7. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

8. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 2009.

9. The Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) Bill, 2009.

10. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

11. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

12. The Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2009.

13. The Punjab Police (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

14. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2009.

15. The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2009.

16. The Punjab Special Economic Zones Bill, 2009.

17. The Punjab School Teachers' Re-employment (Repeal) Bill, 2009.

18. The Industrial Disputes (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 2009.

19. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment and Validation) Bill 2009.

20. The Court Fees (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 2009.

21. The Punjab Lokpal (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

22. Guru Ravidas Ayurved University, Punjab Bill, 2009.

23. Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

**2010**

1. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010.

2. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
3. The Punjab Entertainment Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
4. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 2010.
5. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2010.
6. The Punjab Advocates Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
7. The Punjab Labour Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
8. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation )Amendment Bill 2010.
9. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
10. The Pepsu Townships Development Board (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
11. The Punjab Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
12. The Punjab Labour Welfare Fund (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010.
13. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Salaries and Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 2010.
14. The Indian Penal Code (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2010.
15. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2010.
16. The Punjab Medical Registration(Amendment) Bill, 2010.
17. The Punjab Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
18. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2010.
19. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2010.
20. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2010.
21. The Punjab State Legislature Members (Pension and Medical Facilities Regulation) Second Amendment Bill, 2010.
22. The Indian Penal Code (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 2010.
23. The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 2010.
24. The Punjab Advocates' Welfare Fund (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010.
25. The Punjab Special Security Group Bill, 2010.

26. The Punjab (Prevention of Damage to Public and Private Property) Bill, 2010.

27. The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2010.

28. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab (Amendment) Bill, 2010.

29. The Punjab Prevention of Human Smuggling Bill, 2010.

30. The Chitkara University Bill, 2010.

**2011**

1. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Amendment ) Bill, 2011.

2. The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2011.

3. The Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

4. The Punjab (Institutions and Other Buildings) Tax Bill, 2011.

5. The Punjab Technical University (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

6. The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 2011.

7. The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2011.

8. The Punjab Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2011.

9. The Salary and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

10. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

11. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

12. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2011.

13. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

14. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

15. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2011.

16. The Punjab Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

17. The Punjab Muinicipal Infrastructure Development Fund Bill, 2011.
18. The Punjab Civil Services (Rationalisation of Certain Conditions of Service) Bill, 2011.
19. The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
20. The Pepsu Tenancy and Agricultural Lands (Second Amendment) Bill, 2011.
21. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Second Amendment) Bill, 2011.
22. The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
23. The Punjab State Commission for Non-Resident Indians Bill, 2011.
24. The Punjab Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
25. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011.
26. The Punjab Value Added Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
27. The Punjab Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Bill, 2011.
28. The Punjab Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
29. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Salaries and Allowances of Members) Amendment Bill, 2011.
30. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Second Amendment) Bill, 2011.
31. The Punjab Right to Service Bill, 2011.
32. The Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
33. The Punjab Civil Services (Rationalization of Certain Conditions of Service) Repeal Bill, 2011.
34. Guru Kashi University Bill, 2011.
35. The Punjab School Education Board (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2011.
36. The Punjab Health Systems Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

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# APPENDIX-II

(For reference please see "Non-Official Resolutions" at page [illegible])

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Just Investigation of Dowry related cases | This House recommends to the State Government to instruct the Police Department to get the increasing dowry related cases registered by the parents of the newly wedded brides thoroughly investigated before proceeding with the same in a stringent manner in order to ensure that the innocent people are not subjected to undue humiliation. | 21.6.2007 | Talked out |
| 2. | Canal water theft in the State | This House recommends to the State Government to frame stringent legal provisions to discourage the rising tendency of canal water theft in the State so that a genuine distribution of canal water as per the area specific requirements could be ensured. | 28.6.2007 | Talked out. |
| 3. | Ban on the discharge of sullage water on roads. | This House recommends to the State Government to impose complete ban on the discharge of sullage water of | 20.12.2007 | Talked out. |

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| | | houses on the roads in the State, in order to up-keep the roads properly and to take strong steps to ensure its strict compliance. | | |
| 4. | Clemency for Sarabjit Singh on humanitarian grounds. | As the matter pertaining to securing clemency for Sarabjit Singh, an Indian citizen, who has been awarded death sentence in Pakistan under a mistaken indentity as Manjit Singh has already been unanimously taken up by this House on 10th March, 2006 for approaching the Union Government, now as per media reports his application for clemency has been rejected by the President of Pakistan. The House once again should unanimously approach the Union Government at the appropriate hierachical level to again take up the matter with the authorities in Pakistan to secure clemency for Sarabjit Singh on humanitarian grounds, for those alleged crimes, which he has not committed, as has been done in case of Kashmir Singh belonging to District Hoshiarpur who has recently been granted pardon. | 10th March 2008. | Passed |

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | National Holiday on Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib ji | This House recommends to the State Government to take up the matter with the Central Government for declaring the Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji (Hind-di-Chadar) as National Holiday, keeping in view the unique and great sacrifice of the Guru Sahib ji. | 13th March 2008. | Passed |
| 6. | Planting New saplings | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate effective steps to save the life and property of the people by planting new saplings on the basis of co-location in places of the trees planted haphazardly on the berms/ side slopes of the roads and canals in the State by the Forest Department to avoid accidents as have taken place in the past and also to save the canals and bridges which are at a constant threat due to the falling of these trees during the rainy season. | 13th March, 2008 | Talked out |
| 7. | Renaming of the Chandigarh and Amritsar Airports | This House strongly recommends to the State Government to take up the matter with the Central Government that the International | 18th March, 2008 | Passed |

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Airport, proposed to be set up near Chandigarh be named as, "Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali" keeping in view the unparalleled sacrifice of Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh Jee and also to rename the Raja Sansi International Airport as Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport, Amritsar. | | |
| 8. | Action against sellers of Synthetic Milk | This House recommends to the State Government to take stringent action against those persons who prepare synthetic milk and eatables containing synthetic milk which prove hazardous for the health of people, in general, and the children, in particular. | 18th March, 2008 | Talked out |
| 9. | Maintenance of village ponds. | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate and permanent steps to get the ponds dug and maintained as per modern techniques for the discharge of sullage water in the villages to check the rural environmental | 5th March 2009 | Passed |

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| | | degradation in the State and to keep the villages clean, to impose ban on the use of polythene bags in the State and to formulate stringent law to remove the unauthorized encroachments around the ponds and to ensure its compliance. | | |
| 10. | Law for stopping the burning of Wheat chaff/Rice husk. | This House recommends to the State Government to take serious steps and make an appropriate legislation to check the incidents of setting on fire wheat chaff, rice husk and the straw along the canals or roads in the State, which results not only in environmental pollution but also have an adverse impact on humanity and the entire living community. | 5th March, 2009 | Passed |
| 11. | Racial attacks on Punjabi boys studying in foreign countries. | This House strongly recommends to the State Government to raise the utmost serious matter with the Central Government regarding the racial attacks on Punjabi children studying abroad so that Central Government may find an immediate solution to this burning | 8th July 2009. | Passed |

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| | | issue by discussing it at higher echelons with the Governments of Australia and other such countries. | | |
| 12. | Time-bound disposal of cases of NRIs | This House strongly recommends to the State Government to take immediate steps for the speedy and time-bound settlement of the cases pertaining to encroachments on the properties belonging to NRIs, which are lying pending with various district authorities or the police stations, with an aim to encourage the investment of foreign capital in the State. | 8th July, 2009. | Passed |
| 13. | To control the Global Warming | This House recommends to the State Government to take concrete steps to check the threat to human health due to the global warming on account of increasing pollution resulting in outbreak of tsunami, droughts, snow storms and health hazards, besides checking other kind of pollutions. | 17th March, 2010 | Passed |
| 14. | To control the increasing prices of agricultural products. | This House recommends to the State Government to immediately approach the Central Government to check the sky-rocketing prices of | 17th March, 2010 | Passed |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | all agricultural products and in particular, the food grains, being consumed by the common people, as it is becoming difficult for the people belonging to the middle class and poor strata of the society to have a square meal a day. | | |
| 15. | Misuse of medicines/ narcotics. | This House recommends to the State Government to take steps for prevention of misuse of drugs/intoxicants amongst the youth in the State and also for encouraging their participation in sports and other developmental activities. | 26th March, 2010 | Passed |
| 16. | Inhuman murders in Australia and Pakistan | This House denounces the reign of heinous and barbaric racial bloodbath unleashed against the minorities in Australia and by Taliban in Pakistan and recommends to the State Government to immediately approach to the Central Government to check the rising tide of such like bloodbath so that the Central Government may take up this grave issue with the countries concerned at the highest echelons. | 26th March, 2010 | Passed |

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. | One rank one pension for ex-Servicemen | This House recommends to the State Government to take up the matter with the Central Government for the sympathetic consideration of the long pending demand of ex-servicemen regarding grant of one rank one pension to them. | 30th Sept, 2010 | Passed |
| 18. | To control industrial pollution in big cities. | This House recommends to the State Government to take immediate steps for controlling industrial pollution in big cities of Punjab like Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar etc. and maintaining safe environment at par with international standards. | 30th Sept, 2010 | Passed |
| 19. | Thorough investigation of dowry complaints | This House recommends to the State Government to issue stern direction to the police officials to conduct thorough probe into the increasing number of complaints as being made in the name of dowry harassment by parents of newly wedded girls (brides) in the State before taking any strict action thereon so that innocent people are not put to unnecessary harassment. | 15th March, 2011 | Passed |

| Sr. No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. | Punishment for those involved in 2G and other scams. | This House recommends to the State Government to take up the matter with the Central Government to award rigorous punishments to the accused of the 2-G spectrum and other scams which have come to light recently. | 24th March, 2011 | Passed |
| 21. | Denouncement of of tragic incidents in villages Hondh Chillar and Pataudi (Haryana) and at any other place where such incidents occurred. | This House unanimously denounces the tragic incidents that occurred in villages Hondh Chillar and Pataudi in the State of Haryana in November, 1984 and at any other places where such type of incidents have taken place and demands stringent action against the persons involved directly or indirectly in carrying out dastardly carnage. | 26th March, 2011. | Passed |

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